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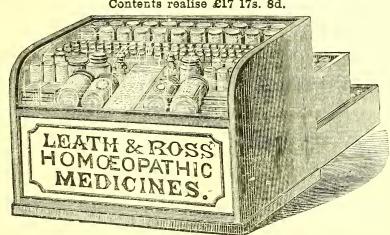
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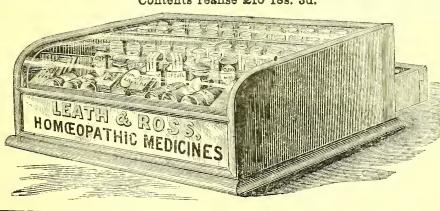
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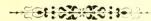
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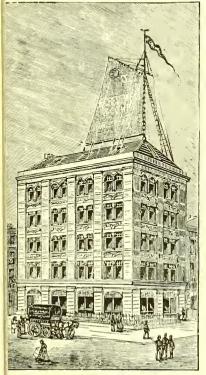
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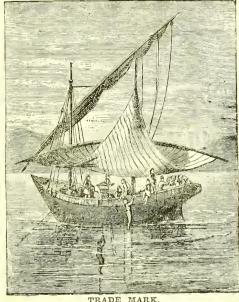
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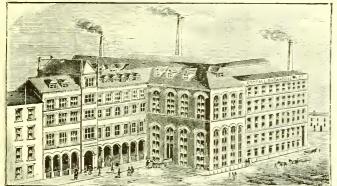
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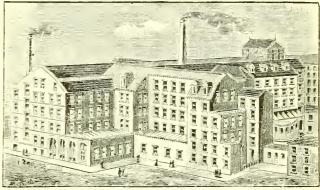
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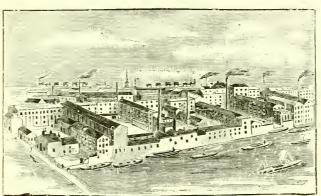
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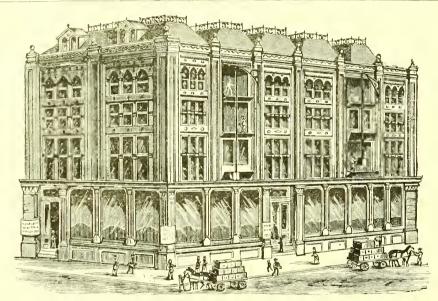
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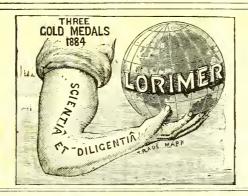
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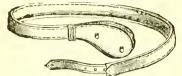
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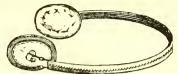
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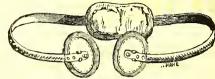




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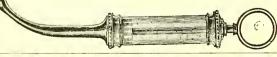
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Errors in Invalid Feeding.

The three prime foods of the invalid chamber are doubtless cows' milk, gruels and meat-soups. As ordinarily administered, these have been pronounced a delusion and a snare. The cows' milk curdles, and may thus do no end of damage. The starch is not acted upon by the secretion of the stomach, and may roll about in this organ for hours, aggravating the fever, causing delirium, and giving rise to no end of unpleasant symptoms. The beef-tea, as commonly made, contains, we are told by authorities, mainly the salts and stimulating principles of the meat.

MILK.

It is constantly pointed out that cows' milk differs from human milk in that the former, when taken into the stomach, forms heavy curds, while the latter only flakes. These curds are often as tough and hard as felt. Upon them the secretion of a disabled stomach may have but little effect. In gastritis, gastric ulcer, and dyspepsia, and in intestinal ulceration, diarrhea, and peritonitis these curds have occasioned dire results. In typhoid fever, with the large intestine ulcerated, hemorrhages have been attributed to them. "I have seen," says Sir William Jenner, "the patient restless, sleepless, or drowsy, his temperature raised several degrees above what it had previously been, vomit a quantity of curd, and at once the restlessness cease, the temperature fall, the skin become moist, and the patient drop into a quiet sleep, and the threatening symptoms vanish with the ejection of the offending material. Or the undigested curds may accumulate in the bowels, inducing flatulent distension and pain in the abdomen, restlessness and increased febrile disturbance. Under these circumstances, I have seen an enema of thin gruel bring away a large vesselful of offensive, sour, undigested curds. Or, again, the undigested curds may themselves irritate the bowels, and produce, keep up, or greatly increase diarrhoa." But it is significant that the domain of infant feeding is where the dangers from plain cows' milk appear most vividly—and yet milk is the only natural food for infants."

Writers on dietetics are constantly referring to the dangers attendant on the administration of plain cows' milk, and pointing out the best methods of overcoming the difficulties. In case of extreme illness, the best plan, without doubt (for it is the safest), is to predigest the milk; the process of predigestion being now readily accomplished, it only being necessary to add a Zymine Peptonising Powder (Fairchild), to each pint of milk, which should be kept warm for twenty minutes.

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CIRCULARS TO THE TRADE.—We hope that firms who are thinking of issuing circulars to chemists and druggists will communicate with us before having them printed. We shall be able to insert such circulars in our issue of July 28, and will be happy to quote for the distribution of 11,000 copies. The price will be found much lower, and the results much better, than separate circulation through the post.

THE publisher of *The Chemist and Druggist of Australasia* will make a tour through the United States, from San Francisco to New York, in the autumn. He will be glad to call on American firms *en route* who wish to talk with him concerning the drug business in the Australasian colonies.

CLIENTS of this journal visiting Melbourne for the Exhibition, or sending representatives there, are invited to make use of our office in that city (Normanby Chambers) as a postal address. On information being given to us in London that this will be acceptable, our Melbourne coadjutors will be promptly advised.

THE ART OF DISPENSING.—It will be remembered that of the numerous treatises which have been published in THE CHEMISTS' AND DRUGGISTS' DIARIES none have been more popular than those dealing with the art of dispensing. The eagerness with which those Diaries were bought satisfied us that there was a substantial demand for a work based on

the lines of those treatises, and an unceasing series of applications for a reprint which we have ever since received has added evidence of the want. We have decided to meet the general wish, and we are now getting ready for publication a much extended, and generally a newly written compendium, which will cover the art of dispensing with a fulness which we did not before attempt. The work will be unique in English literature, and will be one of the most useful companions which the pharmacist can have. Fuller details will be published shortly.

THE MEDICINE-STAMP ACT.—We have also to announce the early publication of a work of very considerable interest and value. In view of the practical and constantly-recurring difficulties attendant on the interpretation of the Medicine-stamp Act, and with the desire of reducing these, Mr. E. N. Alpe, of the Solicitor's Department of the Board of Inland Revenue, has written for us a very complete and interesting history and exposition of the law affecting patent medicines. Mr. Alpe has for years been intimately connected with the administration of the Medicine-stamp Act, and he is in a position to explain, not only its inherent intricacies, but also to declare authoritatively the opinions held at Somerset House in reference to points of doubt. Both as a contribution to the history of the drug trade and as a legal manual this work will have a peculiar value.

PARLIAMENTARY NEWS.

THE MANAGEMENT OF CHEMISTS' BRANCH SHOPS.

In the House of Commons on Thursday Sir Henry Roscoe asked the Vice-President of the Committee of Council on Education whether the statement reported to have been made at an inquest held at Lewisham on June 20, that the son of a chemist and druggist had dispensed eight grains of strychnine in one dose of medicine instead of one twenty-fourth part of a grain, is correct:

Whether the statements that the son of the chemist was often left in charge of his father's branch shop, and that he passed his examination when he was fifteen years of age, are also correct:

And, whether, in view of such an alarming accident, the Government will give facilities for the consideration of the Pharmacy Bill now before the House, which is intended to provide against such accidents by requiring all managers of branch shops to be qualified and registered.

Sir W. Hart Dyke, who was very indistinctly heard in the gallery, said he had no reason to question the accuracy of the statements referred to in the question. So far as the Government were concerned, they would be glad if the Bill to which the hon. member alluded could be proceeded with; but in the present state of public business they could not undertake to offer any special facilities for it.

IRISH PHARMACY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

The House of Lords on Thursday evening went into committee on this Bill.

At the commencement of the discussion the Earl of Limerick stated that the noble Lord (Milltown) who had charge of the Bill and was also chairman of the select committee appointed to consider it, had requested him, in his absence, to propose certain amendments to carry out the recommendations of the select committee. The noble lord expressed his willingness to give any information which might be desired upon any of the clauses. The amendments on the paper were then taken seriatim and agreed to without debate, and the Bill passed through committee. These amendments will be fully referred to in our next issue.

ADVERTISEMENTS of employers and assistants can be received by us up to the first post on Friday mornings, and will be inserted in the current week's issue.

Metropolitan Reports.

TRADE OUTING—On Saturday last the employes of Messrs. Walker, Troke & Co. took their annual excursion. Their destination this year was the Rye House, where a pleasant afternoon was spent amid the varied amusements there provided.

AN OVERDOSE OF COLOCYNTH.—An inquiry was held on Tuesday, at Hammersmith, by Dr. Diplock, coroner, respecting the decease of Lillie Eliza Anne Arnold, aged 32, the wife of a clerk, who had taken a large dose of colocynth, to remove "symptoms of illness"; from the effects of this dose she died. Mr. P. B. T. Stubbs, surgeon, stated that the deceased had swallowed about forty grains of the drug. Verdict, "Death from misadventure."

S. MAW, Son & THOMPSON'S SWIMMING CLUB,—The final heat of the third monthly handicap took place at Islington Baths on Monday last, and resulted, after a good race, as follows:—J. Piller, 21 seconds' start, first; W. Nash, 31 seconds' start, second; J. Bourne, 26 seconds' start, third. Won by four feet, and about two yards dividing second and third man.

VITRIOL THROWING.—A strange craze for vitriol throwing seems to be spreading among certain classes. It is becoming quite a fashionable amusement among the rowdy youth of the neighbourhood to squirt vitriol on every woman who is seen wearing a sealskin jacket or any other kind of fur garment. The effect is disastrous. Though not noticed at the time, no sooner does the victim go home than she finds her jacket falling to pieces. This stupid outrage is giving a great deal of trouble to the police in the north of London.

CONCERTED ACTION.—A remarkable incident occurred at the Bloomsbury School of Pharmacy the other day. It was revision lecture day in the theoretical chemistry department, and according to a growing custom in these parts the deputy-lecturer took up his post on the rostrum. From the heights of the lobby the students looked down one by one upon the amateur professor, and then unitedly retired to the library and elsewhere, while the deputy, tired of his audience of bare benches, wended his way to the research laboratory, where his services are better appreciated.

SHOREDITCH DISPENSERS.—At a meeting of the Shoreditch Board of Guardiaus last week, the medical officer reported that the temporary dispenser, Mr. Marks, had been sent home by him on the 13th inst. suffering from illness, and still remained very ill. Another man had been engaged who was doing the work remarkably well, and got the whole of his work done by one o'clock each day. Mr. Cox said he wished the guardians to notice this circumstance, because their regular dispenser, Mr. Laue, was always complaining that the work was excessive, and could not be got through without assistance.

CRICKET.—A match was played at Tufnell Park on Saturday, June 23, between the Chemists' Aërated and Mineral Waters Association Club and the Pharmaceutical Cricket Club. The score was as under:—

The Chemists' Aërated and Mineral Waters Association.	Pharmaceutical Club.
J. H. Farbrother, run out 6	J. H. Quinton, c Pirie, b Doo 12
E. Mellor, b Quinton 5	C. E. Greenfield, b Doo 1
E. A. Doo, b Quinton 19	J. Kitchen, b Sturges 7
F. G. Pirie, b Lamplough 7	J. Lamplough, c Doo, b Sturges 11
A. J. Farbrother, b Lamplough 0	H. Sharp, b Sturges 6
W. Morgan, b Quinton 1	Budley Jones, b Doo 11
W. H. Sturgis, b Lamplough 19	E. J. Greenfield, b Sturges 2
H. T. Butler, e Howard, b	E. F. Howard, b Sturges 0
Quinton 1	George Mitchell, run out 0
J. Moore, b Quinton 7	G. E. Jones, b Doo 1
E. Pesbit, b Quinton 2	W H Polsov not out
A. Gray, not out 4	W.H. Baker, not out 0
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THE PRECAUTIONS OF CHEMISTS.—A miserable-looking woman, who gave the name of Jemima Gurd, and who caried a young baby in her arms, was charged at the Dalston Court, on Saturday last, with attempting to commit suicide

by taking a quantity of oxalic acid. From the evidence of a police-constable and a doctor, it appeared that the woman had had a narrow escape from death. The woman said it was through domestic troubles, and she was remanded. The magistrate directed the police to bring before him the chemist who had sold the poison to the woman; and Mr. J. Rogers, chemist, of Church Street, Stoke Newington, and his assistant, C. H. Ward, attended, and produced the books, showing that the Act of Parliament had been complied with. The assistant said that the woman first asked him for arsenic, and as he refused to serve that she asked for oxalic acid, and said she wanted to kill the rats. She asked the witness if the acid would kill her or the children, and was told it most decidedly would, and that she must be very careful in its use. assistant added that he gave the woman every caution. Mr. Smith said he considered this explanation satisfactory. [Surely the magistrate was going beyond his powers in thus demanding, in an informal manner, the attendance of a chemist in regard to a sale the registration of which is not required by law.]

THE MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT.—This Act has been invoked at the Lambeth Police Court in reference to an article sold as "choice refined lard," alleged to be a false trade description in the meaning of section 2 of the Act. The prosecutor was Ernest Seymour Salaman, on behalf of W. Kilvert and others, and the defendant was Henry Treugrouse, of Sun Wharf, Tooley Street. Mr. Bland appeared in support of the summons, and Mr. McCall for the defendant. Mr. Poland opened the case, and mentioned that a few months back there had been some agitation with regard to adulteration of lard forwarded from America. The defendant was an agent of the "Harmer Packing Company," aud had supplied through a traveller a number of pails of lard marked as choice lard to Mr. Shaw, of Walworth Road. Samples had since been analysed and found to be adulterated. Mr. Shaw said he gave an order to the traveller of defendant for 5 cwt. of lard on April 25. He asked the traveller if he could guarantee it pure, and he said he could not do that, but he believed it was so. He had been in business a good many years, and had always understood lard to mean the fat of the pig. Witness afterwards received twenty pails of lard and paid for them by cheque. Cross-examined: He dealt in lard; had previously dealt in American lard, but not in this kind. Harmer's lard was well known. The traveller said he sold the lard as he got it. Mr. Alfred G. Salamon, analytical chemist, said that on the 30th April he went to the premises of the last witness, and there saw a number of pails. He had analysed the contents of two of the pails, which were marked, "Harmer Packing Co.—Pure Refined Lard—Kansas City, U.S." He found on examination not less than 30 per cent. of cotton-seed oil. Mr. Bernard Dyer, analytical chemist, confirmed this analysis. Mr. McCall, in defence, said that the real point was, had the defendant, within the terms of the section of the Act, taken all reasonable precautions against committing an offence against the Act? He suggested it was not really the prosecution of Mr. Shaw, but of rival traders to the Harmer Packing Company. After some further observations he called the defendant, who said he received the lard from Bristol on a delivery warrant. He had never any reason to doubt the genuineness of the lard. Although he received the lard through a Bristol house, he knew it was what was known as "Harmer's" lard. He received the certificate produced, and acted upon it. After these proceedings had been started he at once consulted two other analysts, and then for the first time found the lard was adulterated, and he at once had the pails marked "mixed." By Mr. Poland: He had heard, he believed in February last, that all the American lard imported was mixed with cotton-seed oil. After some further argument, Mr. Biron said, looking at all the circumstances, the summons must fail. The defendant, he had not the slightest doubt, had upon former certificates which pronounced the lard pure acted with good faith. Finding, however, that that there was still some argument as to the lard being unadulterated, he at once had an analysis made on his own account. He (Mr. Biron) believed the defendant had done all a man could do under the circumstances. He sold the article exactly as he received it. In conclusion Mr. Biron said he had not the smallest hesitation in dismissing the summons, and allowed the defendant 10l. 10s. costs.

Provincial Reports.

Items of news, and newspapers containing matters of interest to the trade, sent to the Editor, will much oblige.

BIRMINGHAM.

MR. WILLIAMS, who for some months has suffered from ill-health, has resigned his position as manager to the well-known firm of Philip Harris & Co., chemists and druggists, of this town. Mr. Williams had been in the employ of the firm for many years, and is held in the highest estimation.

LADY DISPENSERS.—The following advertisement appears in one of the Birmingham newspapers:—" Lady Dispensary Pupil.—There is a vacancy in the dispensary of the Skin and Lock Hospital for a young lady as articled pupil. Must be quick, intelligent, and well educated. An exceptional opportunity for those wishing to qualify for the Pharmaceutical Society."

A SAD STORY.—An inquiry was held by the coroner for the district of West Bromwich (Mr. Hooper) on Friday of last week into the circumstances attending the death of Sarah Ann Phillips, aged 20 years, who died in the district hospital the previous Wednesday. Deceased was to have been married on the day of her death. The bridegroom, a man named Scott, after making all arrangements, failed to put in an appearance, and this so troubled the girl that she took a dose of laudanum, from the effects of which she died in the course of a few hours. George Burch, dentist and chemist, said he supplied the deceased on the day in question with three pennyworth of laudanum. John V. Webster, of the New Supply Stores [not a registered chemist], and Joseph Dancer, assistant to Mr. Tunby, chemist, also each supplied deceased with three-pennyworth of laudanum. The jury returned a verdict that the girl committed suicide whilst temporarily insane. The coroner referred to the cruelty and heartlessness of Scott, who he thought deserved a good horsewhipping.

AN UNQUALIFIED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.—An inquest was held on Thursday of last week by Mr. B. Weekes (deputycoroner for Birmingham) on the body of Margaret Hait, aged 2 years. The child was taken ill, and her mother took her to a dispensary in Monument Road, in the window of which establishment was a card bearing the name "Dr. McLannon," and particulars respecting hours of attendance and charges. A Mr. Millership attended for some days. This gentleman at first said the child was suffering from diphtheria, and afterwards stated that she had an attack of croup. As the infant continued to get worse, Millership obtained the services of Mr. Tovey, surgeon. Mr. Tovey told the coroner that death resulted from convulsions accelerated by croup. Millership informed him that Dr. McLannon had attended the child. The deputy-coroner said that unless Millership could give a satisfactory explanation he had the appearance of having obtained money by false pretences. He suggested that the jury should take cognisance of the man's conduct in order to put an end, if possible, to the illegal practices which he had so scandalously indulged in. The jury merely returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes." The deputy-coroner said, notwithstanding the action of the jury, he was still of opinion that the case was one which should be taken up by the proper authorities.

DONCASTER.

NOT LIABLE.—At the Doncaster County Court on June 22, before Judge Bristowe, an action was brought by Messrs. Shaw & Co., chemists, Market Place, against the Doncaster Corporation for the sum of 3l. 10s., in consequence of damages to a van which had been left in charge of certain servants of the Corporation. It was alleged that the van should have been placed for security in the Wool Market, and this not having been attended to damage was done to the extent claimed. Liability was repudiated, as it was contended the plaintiffs had not taken needful precautions. Verdict for the defendant.

LAUNCESTON.

THE GREAT WESTERN OCHRE WORKS, Lezant, Launceston have commenced business. They claim to be able to supply ochres of quality such as has hitherto been obtained from French sources exclusively.

MANCHESTER.

KILLED ON THE RAILROAD.—Percy John James, aged 22 years, of Manchester, was killed on the railway near Bamber Bridge late on Friday night. He was a druggist's assistant, and had been with Mr. Hadfield, of Ribbleton Lane, Preston, about two years. He had missed the train for Preston at Bamber Bridge, and it is supposed that he was walking down the line to catch a train at Preston Junction from Liverpool when he was struck by a passing train. An inquest was held on Monday, when a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

MURDER MANIA.—Samuel Kirkpatrick, aged 17, the son of a chemist living in New Bridge Street, Manchester, was charged on Tuesday at the Police Court on remand with the attempted murder of a little boy named John Finneran, 7 years of age, son of a labourer living in Dalton Street, Newtown. He had thrown the child into the river and then ran away. Two boys who came up saw the lad struggling in the water, dragged him out, and took him home. The prisoner had been previously before the magistrates charged with having thrown a boy into the Rochdale Canal, but after being medically examined he was given over to the care of his parents. Dr. Reynolds had examined the prisoner that morning, and certified that he was of unsound mind, and the berch ordered Kirkpatrick to be sent to the Prestwich Asylum.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE LATE MR. JAMES CROZER.—This old gentleman, whose death under curious circumstances we reported last week, had had a somewhat interesting history. He was born at Alnwick on June 9, 1813, the eighth child in a family of nine. An elder sister, born February 9, 1799, another sister, and a brother, both older than himself, survive him. After his school days he was apprenticed to Mr. James Sharp, a chemist in the High Street, Berwick-on-Tweed. Subsequently he obtained employment with Mr. Garbutt, of Gateshead, but a little later commenced business on his own account by opening a small chemist's shop near St. Nicholas' Cathedral in Newcastle. Not satisfied with his position, he next obtained a situation in America as a dispensing chemist. After being in the United States for about three years, he visited Cuba, Jamaica, and other places in the West Indies. In Jamaica he earned a living by teaching the natives to read and write, but gave it up, assigning as his reason that he did not care to take their hard-earned pence for their school fees. Quitting the place suddenly in a vessel with the appropriate name of Exit, he again journeyed to America. Here he appears to have "fallen upon evil times," as he was compelled to earn his livelihood as a common labourer on the highways. Eventually he managed to return to his native land, and resided with his father, who was at this time living at Wallsend. He had not been at home long when the old roving spirit came over him, and he took ship for India and settled at Benares. There he remained for about three years, and left the place shortly before the outbreak of the Mutiny. He journeyed to China, and resided at Hong Kong and Shanghai. At these places he acted as dispenser in a hospital, and then as surgeon on board the Rajah and on other ships belonging to a line of vessels running between Shanghai and the islands in the Indian Ocean. About twenty-five years ago he bade goodbye to the Flowery Land, and started business as a chemist in Clayton Street, Newcastle. There he did a good business, but did it in a somewhat eccentric manner. He always kept his shutters up, but he sold good drugs and sold them cheap, and was invariably respectful to the poorest of his customers. About eighteen months ago he retired, and since then lived in a little cottage at Brandling Village. Here he resided alone, and shut himself in, as it were, from the rest of the world. His bed consisted of two trestles and an old box corded together, and at the top was placed a spring mattress. His

household furniture consisted of three or four chairs, a box, a lot of shop fittings, and a nest of drawers. In the middle of the floor was an iron safe containing a quantity of paper. Evidently he must have been musically inclined, as there were a harmonium, several musical boxes, and one or two tin whistles. There were also books seattered about, some of them treating upon chemistry, the human frame, and mathematical subjects. Two drawers were filled with religious publications, including several manuscript copies of Moody and Sankey's hymns. On the mantelpiece there were a number of bottles containing medicinal compounds and drugs. The deceased laid the foundation of a fortune in China, and also managed to save money in Clayton Street, leaving, in fact, between 3,000*l*. and 4,000*l*. His principal savings are invested in a bank in China. Personally, he would not spend unnecessarily upon himself, but to others he was exceedingly generous. He was always ready to assist a friend in misfortunc, either by supplying medicine gratuitously or lending money. He was, therefore, not a miser in the ordinary sense of the term, as many poor persons can testify to the kindly advice they received regarding their complaints, and at times gifts of medicine. As might naturally be expected from his mode of living, he was entirely indifferent as to dress. In summer and winter he might be seen either at his shop eounter or walking along the streets in the same suit of clothes. He was tall, with a quiet reserved manner, cautious in speech, but always kind to all with whom he came in con-

NORTH SHIELDS.

FIRE.—A serious fire occurred on the premises of Mr. Stobbs, chemist, Saville Street West, North Shields, on Tuesday, breaking out in the night in a store-room at the back part of the building and blazing violently for two and a half hours. A great deal of damage was done.

NOTTINGHAM.

INACCURATE WEIGHTS.—Mr. Eldred Faull, chemist, Beeston, was visited by the inspector of weights and measures, and six weights were found below the proper standard. He was fined 5l.

ST. ASAPH.

Practising as an Apothecary.—The Apothecaries' Society brought an action last week in this County Court against Mr. Thomas G. Williams, Bryntey Cwm, to recover penalties for his having practised without being duly qualified. It appeared that the defendant had served for four or five years with Dr. Pierce, of Denbigh, and had passed the preliminary examinations at Aberdeen University; but, instead of passing his final examination and qualifying himself, he attended and prescribed for patients in the neighbourhood of his house, acted as medical officer of a club, and, in fact, to all intents and purposes, practised as a medical man without qualification. Defendant admitted the statement of the society, and judgment was entered for the latter for 201. and costs, the plaintiffs undertaking to reduce the penalty to a nominal sum.

WALSALL.

EARLY CLOSING.—The ehemists of this town, following the example of the drapers and grocers, have unanimously resolved to close their places of business at four o'clock on Thursdays, making provision to attend to urgent cases.

IRELAND.

BELFAST.

NORTH OF IRELAND CHEMISTS' AND DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting of the Board of Management of this Society was held on Monday evening last, Mr. Samuel Clotworthy, vice-president, in the chair. The secretary, Mr. W. J. Rankin, read letters from the Earl of Milltown and Mr. A. J. Balfour in relation to the Pharmacy Act Amendment Bill now before the House of Lords. The report of the deputation who had given evidence before the Select Com-

mittee of the House of Lords on the 15th inst. was received and considered very satisfactory, inasmuch as several important concessions would now be made in the interests of the chemists and druggists of Ireland, a notable one being the provision of an examination for the apprentiees and assistants of bonâ-fide chemists and druggists. Some routine business having been transacted, the meeting adjourned.

KILKENNY.

MORPHIA-POISONING.—A young doctor named Lyons, suffering from sleeplessness, took a dose of morphia on Saturday night last, and probably took more than he intended. He died during the night from the effects of narcotic poisoning.

SCOTLAND.

ABERDEEN.

MR. A. M. SHEPHERD, who has been for some years in Kurraehee, is looking around for a suitable opening.

ABERDEEN DISPENSARY.—The directors have again met, and by a majority of 9 to 2 elected Mr. Beedic as dispenser, and agreed to give him an apprentice assistant in view of the largely increased work. We were scarcely prepared for such an announcement after their unanimous resolution last week to appoint a duly qualified man. Mr. Beedie has been dispenser for twelve years in the Union Street establishment of Messrs, Davidson & Kav.

ABERDEEN AND NORTH OF SCOTLAND SOCIETY OF CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS.—This year the annual outing took the form of a picnic, and with the ladies' company we feel bound to admit it was the most enjoyable we have ever had. The company (about twenty-six) left by the 10.10 train for Aboyne, and thence drove by Dinnet and Glen Tanar to a choice spot on the south bank of the Dee, immediately behind the old churchyard of Glen Tanar. After a substantial repast the company joined in various games and sports, spending a very enjoyable afternoon all too short to come only onee a year. During the afternoon our gallant leader (Mr. Ritchie, whose "foot was on his native heath") with his usual forethought arranged to get a telegram sent to his shieling containing the result of the Edinburgh election. At the time of its arrival the company were gathered on the bank of the river, and on the motion of Mr. Ritehie, in a very humorous speech, a hearty bumper was drunk to Messrs. Paterson and Strachan, the two "north-country" men returned, who briefly replied. Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie the company sat down to a sumptuous tea, after which carriages were in waiting for the return journey to Aboyne, en route for Aberdeen, which was reached about 9 P.M. The company were warm in their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie for their unwearied efforts to promote their comfort and enhance their pleasure during the day.

EDINBURGH.

A CHEMISTS' CLUB.—There is, we hear, a movement on foot to form a pharmacy club in Edinburgh. There has been a feeling among chemists in Edinburgh—perhaps Scotland would be more accurate—for some time that something of the kind was wanted. So far as we have heard the objects of the elub would be social rather than political, and membership would not be confined to Edinburgh chemists. We do not know to whom the happy thought occurred, but we suspect the idea originated with Scotland's only and excellent representative. We hope to hear more of it.

CHEMISTS' ASSISTANTS' AND APPRENTICES' ASSOCIATION.—The second botanical excursion of the season took place on the evening of Wednesday, June 20, and was attended by thirty-three members. The company travelled by rail to Colinton and walked back to the city by the banks of the Water of Leith, through Colinton Dell, and then round by Craiglockhart to Merchiston. The dell is at present luxuriant with the blossom of **Esculus hippocastanum, Crategus oxyacantha, Cytisus laburnum, Cytisus scoparius, and Pyrus aucuparia. A large number of wild flowers were collected by the explorers, and on a grassy bank overlooking Kate's Mill they obtained fine specimens of *Orchis mascula.* The ramble was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The next excursion is to Craigerook Quarry on Wednesday, July 4, by Caledonian train at 5.50 A,M.

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

AT a meeting of the Board of Examiners, appointed under the provisions of the Pharmacy Acts to examine persons desirous of carrying on the business of pharmaceutical chemists and chemists and druggists, held in London on June 20, 21, and 22, the following passed and were certified for registration as Pharmaceutical Chemists:—

Davies, Jas. Jno., Neweastle Emlyn Forster, Jas. Beaty, Carlisle

Ashfield, Armishaw, Stratford-on- | Harrison, Richd. Casswell Clark ${\bf Birmingham}$ Hoare, Wm. Herbert, Windsor Muskett, Fredc. Jas., [Newport Pagnell

The following also passed, and were certified for registration as Chemists and Druggists:

Allan, Alexander, Aberdeen Baker, Herbert Wm., Londou Baxter, Geo. Munnerley, Chest er Boxall, Frede., Horsham Brooks, Jno., London Browne, Frank, Northampton Butcher, Wm. Frede., Blackheath Bygott, Jno. Wm., Huddersfield Calkin, Jno. Ernest, Salisbury Cross, Edwd. Robert, Searborough Fowler, Wm. Hy., Chelmsford Griffiths, Hy. Thos., St. Clears Herington, Horace Edwd., Leighton Buzzard

Humphreys, Hy., London Jenkins, Jno. Daniel, Swansea Jenkins, Owen Jno., Neath Jennings, Riehd. Tildesley, Tewkesbury

Jones, David Lloyd, Eglwyswrw Keeble, Jas. Pureell Edmed, St. Mary Cray Lanee, Wm. Davis, London Lyons, Wilkie Cuthbert, Monmouth Mander, Alfred, Coventry Mccre, Jno. Phillips, London Morrell, Chas., London Paddock, Wm. Geo , Cosham Penty, Geo., Manchester Rice, Jno. Wm., Winchester Rix, Fletcher Swindells, Ipswich Rutherford, Wm., Retford Skipworth, Bertram Geo., Grantham Tudor, Wm., Carmarthen West, Geo. Wm., Stokesley Whitworth, Jas. Wm., Oldham Wybrant, Andrew, Falsgrave

NORTH BRITISH BRANCH.

THE first meeting of the newly appointed executive was held on Wednesday, June 27, at 2 p.m. There were present Messrs. Baildon, Boa, Gibson, Gilmour, and Stephenson, Edinburgh; Messrs. Paterson and Strachan, Aberdeen; Mr. Fisher, Dunfermline; Mr. Kermath, St. Andrews; Mr. Kinninmont, Glasgow; Mr. Lawrence, Oban; Mr. Nesbit, Portobello; Mr. Watt, Haddington.

Some of those present had to make an early start to attend the meeting, the member from the West Highlands, for

example, having left home at 5.30 A.M.

After approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

was proceeded with.

Mr. J. B. Stephenson, in proposing the re-election of Mr. Baildon as chairman, said his conduct during his occupancy of the chair had been as nearly perfect as they could wish. He was aware that Mr. Baildon had a little hesitation in accepting the office again, for, as they all knew, Mr. Baildon's professional career was at present in a somewhat transition state. However, in anticipation of what Mr. Baildon might say, he might put it to the meeting, as he had already put it to him, that, so long as he could see his way to continue to represent them on the Council in London, it was desirable for them—in fact, they were entitled to put a little pressure upon him—to continue in the position of the chairman of the North British executive.

Mr. Gilmour seconded the proposal, and on his suggestion the same motion included the re-election of Mr. Watt as vice-chairman. Mr. Baildon, in accepting the office, in allusion to the remarks which Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Gilmour had made, said he recognised that there was an advantage in his being a member of Council, and also being in the chair at these meetings in the absence of the president or vice-president of the Society. At the same time, from his own point of view, he might be allowed to say the advantages were not altogether unmitigated, for he had, as it were, a double capacity and a double part (he hoped not in a bad sense) to play, and therefore his responsibilities were increased. He felt that he was bound, of course, to act loyally both to the Council and to the executive, and in the past one had had occasionally a difficult part to play. At

the same time he admitted there was a force in what Mr. Stephenson had said, that if one was in the Council, seeing the workings of the Society, one was in a position of vantage to conduct the affairs of the branch here. He only wished that the constitution of the Society were such that more of them could pass through the Council, not only from Scotland, but from other parts. He felt assured that the reason of the unpopularity, if he might call it so-for there was a great amount of unpopularity from which the Council sufferedwas in a great measure due to the fact that there was not sufficient knowledge of the amount of work, and the nature of the work, and the difficulty of the work, which the Council had to overtake. He had expressed his regret before, and took occasion to do so again, that his friend Mr. Watt had not been elected to the Council. Mr. Watt was one of those men who would make a splendid member of Council—(Hear, hear)—and he was quite sure he might say, and without any breach of confidence, that was the opinion of members of Council themselves.

Mr. WATT said he would be much obliged to the members if they would release him from the office of vice-chairman. The responsibility he had taken upon himself in connectiou with the provostship of Haddington was a greater load than he could bear when added to the onerous duty they had asked him to undertake. He proposed Mr. Storrar, of Kirk-

caldy, for the office.

Messrs. Kermath, Nesbit, Stephenson, the Chairman, and others warmly urged Mr. Watt to reconsider his determination, and ultimately that gentleman yielded to the pressure put upon him.

The members of the executive residing in Edinburgh were appointed a General Purposes Committee, charged with the general management of the minor work of the executive.

THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

Mr. KERMATH called attention to the fact that the junior or senior certificates of the local examinations of the University of St. Andrews were accepted pro tanto by the Pharmaceutical Society in lieu of the Preliminary examination. He thought this ought to be more widely known, as there were over thirty centres where the examinations were held, some as far north as Oban, and it would be in many cases, he thought, more convenient for lads to pass this examination at their own locality than go to the centres where the Preliminary was held.

Mr. PATERSON (Aberdeen) pointed out that the Scotch Education Department were instituting a leaving certificate for the secondary schools. That would be a much more severe examination, he believed, than the local University examinations; and, that being so, they ought to make a representation to the Council that they accept that certificate equally with the University local examination. It took a great lot off a young man's mind to get au examination through; and although the certificate he had mentioned was instituted this year, and was tentative, no doubt it would

become quite common.

The CHAIRMAN asked if any statement had been received as to the subjects.

Mr. GILMOUR thought it embraced some fifteen or sixteen subjects, including English, arithmetic, Latin, and mathematics. It was, however, a tentative scheme in order to see how it would work. The examinations for a Government certificate in the Merchant Company's schools in Edinburgh were even much more stringent than those of the Universities.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

CRYSTALLISED magnesium chloride is rendered anhydrous and the formation of basic salt prevented by heating it in a current of hydrochloric acid gas.

FIRE AT DELACRE'S ENGLISH PHARMACY, BRUSSELS .-On Friday of last week a fire broke out in the basement of the large pharmacy of M. Ch. Delacre, Rue Montague de la Cour, Brussels. An assistant had gone downstairs for some ether, and, having lighted a match to find it, overturned the bottle, the contents of which at once took fire. The flames spread to some other chemicals and took hold of a part of the woodwork before the arrival of some engines. The place was deluged with water and a good deal of damage was done, but all danger was over in half an hour. The pharmacy done, but all danger was over in hard is situated in the most fashionable quarter of the city.

FRENCH PHARMACEUTICAL NEWS.

(From our Paris Correspondent.)

EXPOSITION OF HYGIENE.—A sanitary exhibition will be held in the Palais de l'Industrie Buildings, at the Champs Elysées, after the closing of the Salon. It is expected the exposition will open on July 20. For further information exhibitors may address M. Louis Bourne, 2 Rue de Provence, l'aris.

VICTIMISING PHARMACISTS.—A medical-looking man is now preying on Paris pharmacists. Under the pretence of liaving an urgent case to attend he presents a large order for a whole assortment of antiseptic bandages and appliances. As some article or other is sure to be out of stock, he leaves a false address, takes away with him all he can, and disappears.

INTERNE PHARMACISTS.—The result of the competition, held this year as usual, has just been published. The names of the forty successful pharmaceutical students, however, are not of sufficient interest outside of this city to be here set forth. The winners in the lottery—a competition is but little else—will be entitled to a position for three years in some hospital or asylum. The unsuccessful will have a chance to try again next year.

CONDEMNING SACCHARIN.—The Seine Council of Hygiene, at their meeting of June 22, received a committee report on saccharin, presented by Dr. Dujardin-Beaumetz and signed by MM. Péligot, A. Gautier, Jungfleisch, Proust, and Riche. The committee declare saccharin to be not an aliment but a medicament. They are, moreover, convinced its only use in industry will be for adulterating alimentary products. The report was unanimously adopted by the Council. The probable consequence will be the prohibition of saccharin in all articles of food.

THE NIGHT PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICE.—According to an agreement between the administration and the pharmacists' syndicate, no syrup or mixture of syrups shall be dispensed in quantities exceeding 100 grammes in weight, and no pills exceeding 10 in number. Potions may run up to 150 grammes. No fancy syrups shall be dispensed unless they form a part of a mixture prescribed by the physician. To avoid all uncertainty the prohibition applies to the following:—Maidenhair, cherry, raspberry, gum, currant, and simple syrups. The idea is obviously to supply the sick with medicines, but not the thirsty with refreshments.

WHOLESALE LEAD-POISONING.—The little town of Nexon, in the Haute-Vienne department, was recently excited over a series of poisoning cases occurring almost at the same time. Some twenty persons were taken with violent colics, and several of the patients became dangerously sick. A judicial investigation having shown that they all dealt with the same baker, some of the flour was seized, and upon analysis, it is said, proved to contain lead. The flour has been traced to a prominent miller, who will no doubt be prosecuted. How the lead found its way into the flour has not transpired yet, but it is to be hoped the expected trial will clear up this most interesting point of the affair.

A NEW TOOTH-WASH.—M. Sace, of Cochabamba, Bolivia, a corresponding member of the French Agricultural Society, forwarded to the association, at their last meeting, some seeds of the Geranium suelda, a plant of considerable value as a dentifrice. The root, dried and coarsely powdered, is to be steeped in twice its weight of 98 per cent. alcohol, and thus affords a very fine red tincture, which is applied with great benefit to decaying teeth with a little pledget of cotton wadding. Some ten drops of the preparation, in a glass of water, will make a mouth-wash surpassing anything known. The plant, M. Sace thinks, can be grown in the south of France, and most likely also as far north as Paris. If so, it will probably be heard of again before long.

DEATHS FROM DRINKING COLD WATER.—In the fertilisers works of M. Leblanc, at Prairie-au-Duc, near Nantes, eleven deaths from pneumonia recently occurred among the workmen. Some attributed the epidemic to a cargo of guano brought by an English barque, which had possibly introduced

at the same time the germs of the disease, and others laid the mischief on a lot of poudrette mixed in with the phosphates. Finally M. Leblanc called three physicians into consultation, who after examining the works, their sanitary conditions, water supply, &c., declared everything to be perfectly satisfactory. But as the deaths had to be accounted for, they gave it as their opinion that the pneumonia was due to the workmen's practice when over-heated of taking copious draughts of icy water from a cooler set up for the professional uses of the chemist in the establishment.

No More Drunkenness.—The classic remedy against inebriety is, of course, to abstain from drinking. But M. Jean Desbouvrie, of Roubaix, recently proposed to the Academy of Medicine something that would better please the lovers of the cup. From experiments made upon himself he is satisfied all the noxious effects of alcohols can be avoided if the drinker will take the precaution of fortifying his stomach beforehand with an appropriate food containing an adequate proportion of albuminous and fatty substances. M. Desbouvrie, therefore, has invented a chocolate containing a certain proportion of albumen, specimens of which were sent to the Academy, together with the memoir. When you feel like going on a spree, all you have to do is to munch a stick of the chocolate, and you may have a good time of it without fear of the morrow's headache. But as French ideas of drinking are very moderate, perhaps more than one stick would be necessary for foreigners. At the meeting of June 19 Dr. Lancereaux spoke rather unfavourably of the chocolate, basing his opinion on the general principle that confirmed drinkers will spend all their money at the publichouse, and waste none on the chocolate dealer. As he, however, brought forward no facts to support his conclusion, and none against the value of the remedy, the question may be said to remain open.

IS POTASSIUM CHLORATE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE IODIDE ?—The generally accepted opinion is that chlorate of potassium should not be administered at the same time as iodide of potassium, for the reason that on boiling the two salts together a poisonous compound—potassium iodate—will be formed. MM. Chuche and Desgrez have now come forward to disprove this opinion, and relate the following experiments to support their views. First a mixture of iodide and chlorate dissolved in water was kept in a testtube for two hours at a temperature of from 35° to 37° C. (95° to 99° F.) by means of a water-bath. The test for iodate, namely, acetic acid and chloroform, proved that none had been formed. The second series of experiments consisted in the addition of very weak lactic acid to the same chlorate and iodide solution, to be heated in the water-bath. The idea was to more exactly represent the normal conditions of the digestive process. On testing, as before, a light pink colour developing in the chloroform showed the presence of minute traces of free iodine. Finally, to ascertain whether the liberated iodine was owing to the formation of an iodate or to the usual effect of acids, the experiment was repeated with iodide of potassium and lactic acid, without chlorate, all the conditions remaining otherwisc exactly the same. The result was, on testing, a pink coloration of the chloroform of precisely the same tint and depth as in the preceding experiments. Hence MM. Chuche and Desgrez have come to the conclusion that, since no iodate was formed under conditions resembling those of digestion, the chlorate and the iodide of potassium are not incompatible. Such a deduction, it is scarcely necessary to remark, is rather premature. The experiments quoted only show that in a glass tube, at a temperature below 100° F., chlorate of potassa will not, as it does at 212°, turn iodide into iodate of potassium; but they prove nothing as regards the chemical changes in the system, still less do they counterbalance the poisoning cases on record caused by the simultaneous administration of the two salts.

PHARMACY IN RUSSIA.—A Reuter's telegram, dated St. Petersburg, June 20, says:—"The Russian Government has granted permission to women to devote themselves to the pharmaceutical profession, provided they pass the same examinations as are established for male candidates. Apothecaries, however, who receive female pupils will not be allowed to take male students also."

GERMAN PHARMACEUTICAL NEWS.

(From our Berlin Correspondent.)

ANOTHER HYPNOTIC.—We must add to our already considerable list of hypnotics hydrochlorate of hypscine, reports on which are now appearing in the medical papers. The researches of Salgo, though not establishing the claim of the remedy as a hypnotic, show that it possesses considerable uniformity and certainty of action as a sedative. Both Dr. Salgo and Fischer used it in doses varying from $\frac{1}{120}$ of a grain, in the form of a 2-per-mille hypodermic injection. It was found to be of value in several instances where other remedies had failed.

No SLOVENLINESS.—A curious incident occurred here the other day in connection with the taking of a degree. In Germany a thesis has to be written and printed before the degree is conferred. One of these printed dissertations was refused the other day by the faculty because it was printed on a paper of too low quality. The thesis was ordered to be re-printed before the degree was granted, and orders were sent from the Government to the different Prussian Universities that in future care should be taken to insure the printing of these dissertations on at least relatively durable paper.

FLIES AND TUBERCULOSIS.—Dr. Hoffmann has read a remarkable paper in Dresden on the distribution of the tubercle bacillus by flies. He had found that these insects collected the micro-organisms from the sputum of phthisical patients and discharged them again with their exercta. He had conducted some experiments which showed that in a room inhabited by patients suffering from advanced pulmonary tuberculosis four out of six flies caught were found to contain the bacillus in their intestines. In purer atmospheres not contaminated by phthisical exhalations, the flies were not found to be infested with the micro-organism, which goes to show that the man with the sticky fly-paper is exercising a function of more consequence than at first sight appears.

THERAPEUTICS OF CAFFEINE.—In various numbers of the Berl. Klinische Wochenschr. Dr. te Gempt publishes the results of his researches on various double salts of caffeine, notably the caffeine sodium salicylate in all diseases of the lungs. He used the compound in doses of from 4 to 8 grains, never giving more than 36 grains in twenty-four hours, principally as powders or in mixture with liquorice juice. Sometimes also he administered it hypodermically, injecting 8 grains dissolved in hot water in two portions. He highly recommends the preparation in acute pneumonia, particularly when accompanied by a decrease of heart power or increase in pulse rate, also in weakness and atrophy of the heart. He found it specially efficient where a speedy action upon the disease was desired.

CAMPHORIC ACID.—In the Berlin Medical Society Dr. Reichert recently read a paper on the local application of camphoric acid in various acute and chronic diseases of the nose, mouth, and upper portions of the alimentary canal. The acid has been known for a long time, and is produced by boiling camphor with nitric acid. It occurs in colourless crystals slightly acid and bitter to taste, soluble to the extent of 0.9 per cent. in cold water, and easily soluble in alcohol and ether. For application the author employed a solution of 1 or more per cent., to which sufficient spirit is added to make it clear. For use as a gargle a solution containing from ½ to 1 per cent. was found effective, while from 1 to 2 per cent, was dissolved for application as a spray, and 02 part in a hundred as a nasal douche. A mixture of 1 part of camphoric acid and 9 parts of boracic acid was employed as a powder for dusting affected surfaces. Reichert recommends the action of the remedy as a fit subject for further investigation.

GUAIACOL.—Dr. Horner, in the *Prag. Medicin. Wochen.*, adds to the literature of guaiacol, which has been introduced as a substitute for, or rather as the principal agent in, creosote, which was formerly used in tuberculosis. This paper details the conclusions of four years' experience with the remedy, and cites a number of cases in which very satisfactory and even astonishing results accrued from its

administration. Of course, like other substances introduced to combat this disease, it did not succeed in all cases. Dr. Horner gave it in the form of half-gramme pills, and the treatment commenced with the prescription of "one three times a day." After nine had been thus taken the dose was doubled, six being taken daily, and then after three days at this point a further increase to ten daily was made. This last quantity was the most given, and it was continued in one case for five months. On the whole the writer concludes that guaiacol at least achieves as much as was expected of it in the treatment of phthisis.

BRITISH PHARMACEUTICAL CONFERENCE.

A MEETING of the Executive Committee was held on Friday, June 22, at 17 Bloomsbury Square. Present—Mr. F. B. Benger, F.I.C., President, in the chair; Messrs. Groves, Reynolds, Martindalc, Martin, Gerrard, Greenish, Ransom, Dr. Thresh, honorary general secretary, and J. C. Nightingale, assistant-secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and con-

firmed.

Letters regretting inability to attend were read from Messrs. Conroy, Maben, Naylor, Symes, Umney, and Williams.

Dr. Thresh reported what had been done by the sub-committee appointed to make the necessary local arrangements for the meeting at Bath. Mr. Hutton, the honorary local secretary, had rendered invaluable service, and, thanks to his energetic labours, the programme was practically complete merely requiring the sanction of the Executive. The headquarters of the Conference will be at the Grand Hotel, and the conversazione, meetings for the reading of papers, social gatherings, &c., will be held in the assembly-rooms of the hotel. The luncheons will be served in the Guildhall, which has been kindly promised by the Mayor for the occasion. At the opening meeting of the Conference the Mayor will welcome the members to Bath. Each day, at the conclusion of the meetings, parties will be conducted to the abbey, old Roman baths, and many other places of interest in the city. On Tuesday evening there will be a smoking concert, and on Thursday, as usual, an excursion. All arrangements with the railway companies, car proprietors, refreshment contractors, &c., have been made, and, as Chepstow and Tintern Abbey are the places selected to visit, there can be no doubt that the excursion will be a most pleasurable one.

The whole of the arrangements as submitted were considered most satisfactory and unanimously approved.

The MS. of the "pink" circular giving all information with reference to the local arrangements was submitted and ordered to be printed forthwith, and sent, as usual, to all the members of the Conference.

The list of proposed officers to be submitted at the Bath

meeting was also agreed to.

A number of gentlemen were nominated and duly elected members of the Conference.

It was announced that the following donations had been received, and the thanks of the Committee were accorded to the respective donors. "Annual Announcement of the Ontario College of Pharmacy" 1888, and the New Idea. numbers for February and March, 1888 (F. Stearns & Co.).

THE CONFERENCE FORMULARY.

A meeting of the Formulary Committee of the British Pharmaceutical Conference was held at 17 Bloomsbury Square, W.C., on Thursday, June 21, at 4.30 P.M. Present—Mr. Martindale, chairman; Messrs. Greenish, Groves, Martin, Reynolds, Dr. Thresh, and W. A. H. Naylor, secretary. Messrs. Abraham, Maben, and Symes notified by letter their inability to attend.

The chief business was the presentation of reports by the members upon the remedies they had severally undertaken to investigate, together with the inspection of the samples submitted in illustration of the formulæ they were prepared to recommend. After four hours' deliberation a selection of formulæ from the lists under consideration was agreed upon to be recommended for inclusion in the next issue of the B.P.C. Unofficial Formulary.

PHARMACEUTICAL NOMENCLATURE.

THE most recently published parts of the new dictionary of the English language, edited by Dr. Murray under the auspices of the Philological Society, contain, as their predecessors did, the results of a vast amount of research and learning. Skimming through the pages we come on a number of words of special interest or general use in pharmacy. The history of these words is given with much completeness, and the careful student will find a close examination of Dr. Murray's labours in regard to them very helpful to him. As we have done in respect of the former parts of the work (see this journal, March 27, 1886, May 29, 1886, and April 30, 1887), so we give now a few notes, briefly indicating the most interesting facts which this dictionary has to tell us of the history of the words more particularly appropriated by pharmacists. We note the following:—

BRAIN is found in early English in the form of "brægen," traced to the old Teutonic form of "bragnom," and possibly related to the Greek brechnes—forehead. In early scientific use "brain" was applied only to the anterior portion of the organ (the cerebrum), as opposed to the posterior portion (the cerebellum); but in modern times the word is used both popularly and technically for the entire organ, the Lutin words being employed to distinguish the sections. The use of the word in the plural, which still prevails in referring the cerebral substance generally, is traced to the sixteenth centure.

BRANL which means something burned in, is only found in recent the mest to have been used in the sense of a trademark. The expriser reference given is in a law report dated 1827 (Motley r. Downman), where the sentence is quoted, "The proprietors he we added the brand-mark 'margam' on each box."

BRANDY was formerly be and wine, brandywine, brandewijn (Dutch), meaning burned (i.e. distilled) wine. It is found in popular use as brandy as far back as 1657, but much later, down to the end of the 17th century, in Acts of Parliament and other formal documents the form "brandy-wine" is retained.

BRAY, which was the usual term in old times for pounding in a mortar, has probably the same origin (brekan, Teutonic) as break, and corresponds with the modern French broyer. Coverdale's version of the well-known passage in Proverbs (xxvii. 22) is, "Though thou shouldest bray a foole with a pestell in a morter like otemeell, yet will not his foolishnesse go from him."

BRAZIL Wood has a curious history. It was originally the name given to the wood of the *Cesalpinia sappan*, an East Indian tree used in dycing. After the discovery of the New World the name was extended and gradually transferred to the similar wood of a South American species (*C. cehmata*), and this gave the name to the land of Brazil; it was not, therefore, as is generally assumed, the country from which the wood was named; but it was the wood from which the country was named. It has been conjectured that the name was originally given to the wood from the French *briser* to break, *brésiller*, to crumble, the wood probably arriving in a broken state; from the Spanish *brasa*, glowing coal (from its colour); or from the Arabic *vars* becoming *vars*, saffron. It was known in Italian as *varzino*. Inferior woods from South America of the same species are known as Braziletto.

BREAKSTONE is the name given by herbalists to the saxifrages, being a literal translation of the term.

BRIMSTONE is a corruption for brin-stone, or bern-stone, from the root brennen, to burn. It has appeared in many forms in old English writers. In Wyclif's Bible it appears as brenstoon, brynston, brimstoon, brymston, brumston, and brynston.

Broker is an old English word formerly spelt brocorbrokour, broggar, &c., and in old Norman-French, brokeor. Its original meaning was a person who broached or tapped a cask of wine and sold it out retail, and by extension it came to mean any retail dealer, one who bought to sell again, a secondhand dealer, a middleman.

BROMINE is a name formed from the Greek bromos, a stink,

BRONCHIA, and its derivative words are from the Greek brenchos, the windpipe.

BROTH is traced to a Teutonic herb-root *bru*, signifying boiling or decoction. Brew has the same origin, and bride is also traced to it, the boiling or cooking being the duty of the newly married female in the household.

Bryony or Bryonia is the Greek name of the so-called white vine (B. dioica). Its juice mixed with honey and oil had a reputation as a remedy against deafness. Black bryony is a plant of another natural order called lady's seal (Tamus communis). It acquired its name through being also a climbing plant, scmewhat resembling the white bryony.

BUCKTHORN is the literal translation of the Italian and modern Latin name of the *Rhannus eatharticus*. Lyte (1578) says:—"The Italians do call it *Spino merlo*, some call it *Spino ecrnino*. . . . We may well call it in English Bucke Thorne." Buck's Horn is a name given to other herbs, Swine's cress (*Scnebiera coronopus*), Virginia sumach (*Rhus typhina*), and some plaintains.

BUNION.—The etymology of this term is obscure; Prof. Skeat regards it as from the Italian bugnone, "a push, a bile, a blane, a botch." This, says Dr. Murray, suits the form, but the word was so rare until recently in literary use that derivation from the Italian seems very unlikely.

BURETTE, diminutive of *buire*, a vase for liquors, was an old French word for oil or vinegar cruets. It is now used exclusively to indicate the graduated glass tube invented by Gay-Lussac.

BUSHEL has probably journeyed through old French and English words from a diminutive of the old French boiste (beise), box, becoming boissel, buissel, and so on.

CAJUPUT, also cajeput and cajaput, from the Malay Kayuputih—*i.e.*, *kayu*, wood, and *puteh*, white. The same meaning has been translated into the specific name of the plant "leucodendron."

CALAMINE is a corruption from the old Greek and Latin word cadmia, by which the zinc ore was designated. It is so termed by Pliny.

CALENDULA, the generic name of the marigold, means a little calender or little clock, or perhaps a little weatherglass. Calender is a Persian word, galandar, of unknown origin, and is not connected with the Greek kalends, the first day of the month, which was formed from kalein, to call or proclaim, from the practice of proclaiming the order of the days.

CALISAYA is the native South American name which has been adopted as the botanical specific name of a cinchona.

CALOMEL.—Dr. Murray gives the origin of this, on Littré's authority, as from the Greek kalos, fair, beastiful, or melas, black, because, he says, the chemist who first discovered it saw a beautiful black powder change into a white powder in the preparation. The name seems first to have belonged to Ethiop's mineral; others say the name was given by a whimsical chemist who employed a black in his laboratory, the medicine being fair, the operator black. Nothing appears as to when, where, or by whom the name was given. Littré calls it "ancien nom." [In The Chemist And Druggist, January and February, 1875, two correspondents, "T. B. G." and "W. R.," argued that the supposed derivation from kalos and me'as was far-fetched, and both agreed that the last syllable was more probably derived from meli, honey, implying the mild nature of this mercurial as compared with some other preparations of the metal.]

CALX was a term of the alchemists for a powder produced by roasting as lime is roasted, indicating the substance after the volatile parts had been driven off. It was regarded as the essential substance or "alcohol" of the crude mineral. The term was obtained from the German kalk, and was in old English eeale, which has become chalk. Calcium is the Latinised form of it.

CALYX is from the Greek *halyx*, meaning the outer covering of a fruit, flower, or bud, and is not connected with the Latin *calix* (chalice) with which it has been frequently confounded.

CAMOMILE, or chamomile, is through the French camoonille, and the Latin chamomilla and chamamælon, from the Greek chamai-melon, earth-apple (from chamai, on the ground, and melon, apple), so called from the apple-like scent of the follossoms.

CAMPHOR (camphire in English until about 1800) is from the medical Latin *camphora*, from the medical Greek *kaphoura*, and from the Arabic *kafur*, in Eastern languages generally *kapur* or *kappur*.

CANCER is from Latin and Greek terms signifying a crab, the disease being so called, according to Galen, because the swollen veins surrounding the affected part resemble a crab's limbs.

CANDY is traced to a Persian word qand sugar, the crystallised juice of the sugar cane. Hence the Arabic qandi, sugared.

CANNABIS is the Greek for hemp.

CANTHARIS is the Greek name for a blister-fly.

CAOUTCHOUC is from the Caribbean word cahucha.

CAPSICUM is a modern Latinised term, the origin of which is uncertain. Linnæus explained it from the Greek haptein, to bite (rather "to gulp down," says Dr. Murray); but it is generally referred to capsa, case, as if named from the pods. In either case the formation is etymologically irregular.

CAPSULE is also a diminutive of eapsa.

CARAWAY is found in Arabic as al-karawiya.

CARBOLIC is a combination of carbon with "ol," the ending of alcohol, benzol, &c.

CARBON, a name invented by Lavoisier from the Latin carbo, coal.

CARBOY is a corruption of the Persian qarabah, a large flagon for wine, rose-water, &c. It was called "corabah" in English at one time. Carafe may have had the same origin, but is more likely derived from the Arabic gharafa, to draw water, or a cognate word. In Spanish and Portuguese it is called garrafa.

CARBUNCLE is from the Latin carbunculus, diminutive of carbo, a small coal.

CARDAMOM is from the Greek hardamon, cress, and amomum, the generic name.

CARMINATIVE.—The original idea of this word is to card or teasel wool (Latin, carminarc.) It got into medicine from the notion that carminatives were remedies which combed out the gross humours from which wind arises, like combing out the knots in wool.

CARMINE is from the medical Latin carminus, contracted from carmesinus, crimson, formed from the Spanish carmesi, itself a rendering of the Arabic qirmazi, crimson, from hermes, al-hermes, the cochineal insect.

CAROTID is from the Greek *karoun*, to stupefy, because compression of the arteries to which the term is applied is said to produce carus, or stupor.

CARRAGHEEN is the name of a place in Waterford, Ireland, where the sea-weed *Chrondus crispus* is found abundantly.

CASCARILLA, diminutive of the Spanish cascara, rind or bark.

CASH has two origins. One is traced from the Latin capsa, a case, through the French casse: this word is generally the banking and accountant's term. Cash signifying small money, however, comes from the Tamil kasu, in Sanscrit, karsha, and used in many Indian dialects as representing small coins.

CASHEW (the Anaeardium oecidentale) is an Anglicised form of the French aeajou, from the Brazilian acojaba.

CASSIA is derived through the Greek *hasia*, which is a rendering of the Hebrew *qtsiyah*, which means something stripped off, bark.

A PATENT has been taken out in Germany for a mixture to remove old varnish from any surface. The mixture is composed of 5 parts of 36-per-cent. silicate of potash, 1 part of 40-per-cent. soda lye, and 1 part of sal ammoniac.

Trade Hotes,

The New Breast-exhauster, which we described and illustrated in our issue of June 16, has not been long in finding favour with the trade. Acting on our suggestion then made, Messrs. Raimes & Co, of York, have with commendable smartness manufactured and placed the double-valved exhauster on the market, and they tell us they "find that chemists order them freely." The exhauster which we have received is well made in white flint glass; the tubes are of black indiarubber, with black teat for the baby, and a nice glass mouthpiece for the mother. Each one is packed in a cardboard box suitably labelled.

MR. QUELSII, of 19 Ludgate Hill, E.C., is introducing to the drug trade at present on behalf of Mr. Henry Tetlow, of Philadelphia, the swan-down and gossamer face powders manufactured by the latter. These powders are of superior quality, and in addition to being marked at popular prices the manufacturer presents a beautifully enamelled puff-box to every purchaser of the gossamer, and each package of the swan-down powder contains a fair sized sample bottle of perfume. These presents are offered for facilitating the introduction of the face powders, the manufacturer relying on the quality of the article for future sales.

HAYDON'S CHEMISTS DEFENCE AGENCY.—An advertisement appearing in this issue of THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST reminds us that the first year of this useful institution is just about completed. The year has not given Mr. Haydon many opportunities of public demonstration of the value of his agency, but on many occasions we have met Mr. Haydon actively engaged in some efforts or enquiries on behalf of his clients in matters which have not come to the surface. Mr. H. Glaisyer, LL.B, will continue to act as legal adviser to the agency, and Mr. Haydon now invites the adhesion of new members.

SULPHONAL TABLOIDS.—We have received from Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome & Co. a sample of sulphonal-Riedel manufactured into tabloids by them. As we recently pointed out, sulphonal is unsuitable for administration in pill form owing to the amount of excipient required increasing the bulk of the dose to such an extent that half a dozen 5-grain size pills must be swallowed as one dose of about 20 grains. As the sulphonal tabloids have nothing added to them, and the bulk is considerably diminished by the pressure necessary in forming them, the objection referred to does not apply, and the tabloids are likely to become a favourite method for the administration of sulphonal. Within the past ten days reports which have been published show that the new hypnotic bears out all that was at first said of it. A dose of 15 grains induces a calm and refreshing sleep, lasting for from four to six hours.

ROBERTSON'S FLEXIBLE CAPSULES.—The desire on the part of patients for tasteless medicine has compelled pharmacists to devise many methods for concealing the taste of those remedies whose activity disappears with the removal of the taste natural to them. Of these methods, that of capsuling is one which hitherto has been confined in a great measure to remedies, such as copaiba, which are used for specific purposes; but there is now a growing tendency to administer the more common nauseous fluid medicines in capsules. From Messrs. James Robertson & Co., of Edinburgh, we have received samples of various medicaments, which they have so prepared and capsuled in well-formed capsules of flexible gelatine. The firm have six standard sizes of capsules, ranging from 5 to 90 minims, each having its own designating number for the convenience of prescribers. Several of the combinations represented are very useful, such as the cascara sagrada extract, plain and with other medicaments and eclectic remedics, each 10-minim capsule representing 30 minims of the official liquid extract. Another form is represented by the ferruginous capsule, devised by Mr. Thomas Thompson as a substitute for Blaud's pills. These contain ferrous sulphate and an alkaline carbonate in chemical proportions mixed with a hydrocarbon, whereby mutual decomposition only takes place when the capsule and its contents are dissolved in the stomach. This theory appears to have been amply proved in practice, and it is certain that the combination is one which perfectly prevents oxidation of the iron.

TRADE-MARKS APPLIED FOR.

THE Trade Marks Journal publishes the following notice:—"Any person who has good grounds for objection to the registration of any of the following marks may, within two months of the date of this journal, give notice in duplicate at the Patent Office, in the form 'J,' in the second schedule to the Trade Marks Rules, 1883, of opposition to such registration," The address of the Patent Office is Southampton Buildirgs, London, W.O.

From the "Trade Marks Journal," June 27, 1888.

- "Bromo-Phosph., or Brain Food," and other wording, on label; "Bromo-Phosph.," and signature; for a medicinal preparation. By H. Atkinson (trading as The Bromo-Phosph. Company), Heath Villa, Reading. 63,149-50.
- "Flowers of Sulphur," and other wording and designation of the depositors, on a round label; for flowers of sulphur. By J. Chambers (trading as James E. Chambers & Co.), 23 Birchin Lane, E.C. 68,129.
- "Dermatos"; for common soap. By J. Adcock, 1 Raul Road, Peckham, 69,488.
- "Premier Sauce," under designs; for a sauce. By H. M. Gore, 6 Smith Square, Westminster, S.W. 70,411.
- "Beckett's Syrup of Orange and Quinine," on label; for a non-alcoholic, non-medicinal, and non-aërated beverage. By W. Beckett, Heywood, Manchester. 71,051.
- "OCEANINE," and a series of seven oblong labels; for a remedy against sea-sickness. By B.ron fils, ainé, Grenoble, France. 71,252.
- "CUREM," upon signature; for a preparation for removing corns. By Luke Pickles, Market Place, Workington. 72,448.
- Representation of a palace; for baking powder. By Vaux Brothers, Pontefract. 72,976.
- "MIGRAININE"; for a medicine for the cure of headache. By S. Keith, 69 South Church Street, Edinburgh. 73,257.
- "Bunter's Nervine"; for a remedy for toothache. By Alfred Wilson, 422 Clapham Road, S.W. 73,414.
- "OMER'S OPHELINE," and other wording, on label; for a medicine. By Elizabeth and Ernest Copping (trading as Omer & Co.), 4 Eversholt Street, Regent's Park, N.W. 73,452.
- "LIQUID-LIGHTNING INK ERASER," and other wording; for an ink-extractor. By W. Herbert Milnes, 333 Oxford Street, W. 73,573.
- "MALTO PEPTINE," and figure of rod of Esculapius; for malto-peptine. By M. P. Hatschek, 48 St. George's Road, S.W. 73,638.
- "JANOS," and signature; for chemical substances (Class 3). By A. Saxlehner, Budapest. 73,880.
- "H₂O," and "Pure Table Water," on oval label; for tablewater. By Maignen's Filtre Rapide and Anti-calcaire Company, Limited, 32 St. Mary-at-Hill, E.C. 73,889.
- "PATON'S TONIC SALTS" over heraldic design; for medicinal preparations. By J. C. Paton & Son, 5 Chatham Street, Piccadilly, Manchester. 74,065.
- "KIRKHERB"; for whooping and other cough mixture. By George Kirk, 44 Dalyell Road, Stockwell, S.W. 74,149.
- "BRIN'S PURE OXYGEN WATER," and other wording on label; for an aërated water. By Brin's Oxygen Company (Limited), Connaught Mansions, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W. 74,189.
- "HENRY'S CALCINED MAGNESIA"; for calcined magnesia. By T. and W. Henry, 11 East Street, Lower Mosley Street, Manchester. 74,023.
- Figure of a tumbler, with foam; for aërated waters. By T. Cook 3 Dover Road, Folkestone. 74,354.

- "AMICUS HUMANI GENERIS," and signature; for aërated waters. By B. Shaw, Upperhead Row, Huddersfield. 74,558.
- "RICH GINGER ALE (aromatic)," and other wording on shield-shaped label; for ginger ale. By E. P. Shaw & Co., Wakefield. 74,602.
- "PLASTER, OMNICURA OINTMENT," and name of depositors on figured round label; for medicinal preparations. By P. Braggi & Co., 5 St. Aubyn's Gardens, West Brighton, 74,943.

Gazette.

PARTNERSHIPS DISSOLVED.

- Arch & Brook, Cradley, Worcestershire, chemists and druggists and seedsmen.
- Jones, J. A., & Co., Hauley, wholesale factors of artificial teeth, dental implements and appliances.
- Joyce, S. C., & Co., Great Saint Helen's, City, oil brokers and merchants,
- Masters & Pollard, Ramsgate, medical practitioners.
- Oxley Bros., Liverpool, aërated water manufacturers.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1883. RECEIVING ORDERS

- Dunscombe, Matthew William, Bristol, opticiau and scientific instrument maker.
- Leslie, Joseph Blackburn (trading as J. B. Leslie & Co.), Sheffield, chemist and druggist.
- Liversedge, Frank, York, dealer iu drugs.
- Mitchell, Robert Stewart, Stanley, near Liverpool, and Liverpool, veterinary surgeon.
- Singleton, John, Kendal, physician and surgeon.

FIRST MEETINGS AND PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

- Darbyshire, Joseph, Kendal, veterinary surgeon—July 7,37 Stramon Gate, Kendal,; July 7, Court House, Kendal.
- Dormer, Richard, Garston, near Liverpool, analytical chemist—July 4 Official Receiver's office, Liverpool; June 28, Court House, Liverpool.
- Holmes, John Henry, Colwyn, Carnarvonshire, and Colwyn Bay, Denbighshire, pharmaceutical ehemist and druggist—July 5, Bankruptey office, Chester; July 12, Court House, Bangor.
- Liversedge, Frank, York, dealer in drugs—July 6, Official Receiver's office, York; July 13, Guildhall, York.
- Warren, Thomas, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire, surgeon— July 6, Railway Tavern, Princes Risborough Station; July 2,25 Walton Street, Ayleshury.

ADJUDICATIONS.

- Black, Robert, Whalton and Morpeth, trading with W. Bell, aërated water manufacturer.
- Dormer, Richard, Garston, near Liverpool, analytical chemist.
- Leslie, Joseph Blackburn (trading as J. B. Leslie & Co.), Sheffield, chemist and druggist.
- Mitchell, Robert Stewart, Stanley, near Liverpool, and Liverpool, veterinary surgeon.
- Singleton, John, Kendal, Westmoreland, physician and surgeon.

NOTICES OF DIVIDENDS.

- Booth, Eustace Robert (trading as Booth & Co.), Bishopsgate Street Within, and Digby Road, Green Lanes, oil and petroleum merchant-first and final div. of 6½d, any day except Saturday, Chief Official Receiver's offices, 33 Carey Street, Lincoln's Inn.
- Joures, Robert, South Shields, chemist—first and final div. of 2s. 1d.
 June 27, Official Receiver's office, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- Wolstenholme, John Hancock, Ahergele, Denbighshire, surgeonfirst and final div. of 20s., July 2, Bankruptey office, Chester.



The following applications for Patents have been registered at the Patent Office.

Abdominal Belts.—8,611.—June 12, 1888.—W. Laughton. A galvanic belt for medical purposes.

Alcohol.—6,869.—May 8, 1888.—J. Y. Johnson (for La Société Française de Alcools purs of Paris). A process for purifying alcohol and obtaining aldehydes and acetones.

Alkali.—7,046.—May 11, 1888.—G. Borsche and F. Brünjes. Conversion of chloride of calcium into chloride of magnesium and carbonate of lime by means of oxychloride of magnesium and carbonic acid.

Ammonium Nitrate.—6,694, 6,695, and 6,696.—May 4, 1888.—C. N. Hake and R. H. Heenan. Manufacture of ammonium nitrate.

Antiseptic Paper. -7,854. - May 29,1888. - W. P. Thompson (for Paolo Matcovich and Antonio Grossich, Hungary). Aseptic or antiseptic paper and the like, for use as bandages for wounds, &c.

Beverages.—6,279.—April 27, 1888.—B. Todd. Means of aërating draughts of beverage.——8,195.—June 5, 1888.—A. Walkyier and Dr. Lovel. "Making a herb drink composed of different herbs than any other non-alcoholic drink as a refreshment."

Black Varnish.—7,929.—May 30, 1888.—T. Garton and W. Barkley. Black varnish or enamel.

Bromine, &c.—6,812.—May 7, 1888.—T. K. Rose. Recovery of bromine, chlorine, and other chemicals employed in the extraction of gold from its ores.

Camphor.—6,634.—May 3, 1888.—M. J. Schreiter. Refining of camphor.

Dental.—6,955.—May 9, 1888.—F. H. Briggs. Stoppings of porcelain, enamel, or the like, for carious teeth.

Disinfectants.—6,407.—April 30, 1888.—H. H. Lake. Disinfectants. (For C. II. Shaw, United States).——7,177.
—May 15, 1888.—W. P. Thompson (for G. C. W. Belcher, United States). Antiseptic or disinfecting compounds.——8,597.—June 12, 1888.—J. Hanson. Apparatus for generating sulphurous acid gas for disinfecting.

xtracts.—6,466.—May 1, 1888.—H. Darby. Apparatus for making extract or essence of coffee and other like extracts and infusions.

eeding-bottles.—9,025.—June 20, 1888.—A. R. Stocker. Stoppers to be used with infants' feeding-bottles.

'ood Warmer.—6,991.—May 10, 1888.—H. Dunsford. Apparatus for warming children's food, applicable also for vaporising disinfectants.

æmorrhoids.—6,943.—May 9, 1888.—C. Pearce. Preparation for the cure of piles.

nhalers.—6,323.—April 28, 1888.—G. C. Wallich, S. M. Burroughs, and H. S. Wellcome. Inhalers.——6,579.— May 2, 1888.—W. H. Kerr. Inhalers for the treatment of deafness, bronchitis, &c.—6,982.—May 10, 1888.—E. Taylor and W. P. C. Everden. Pocket inhaler.

anolin.—6,671.—May 4, 1888.—A. J. Boult (for O. Kors-chelt, Germany). Method of extracting wool oil ("Lanolin") in a mechanical way.

mon-juice.—7,162.—May 14, 1888.—F. F. Shelvey and G. Bright, trading as Shelvey & Co. A preparation of lemon-juice.

lassage.—7,843.—May 29, 1888.—J. Smeaton. Baths for the purpose of massage.

Jadicine.—8,869.—June 16, 1888.—H. G. Noakes, E. I. Tucker, and D. Clark. Medicine for human use.

Mucilage.—8,248.—June 6, 1888.—E. Keirby. Adhesive mucilage.

Nitric Acid.—6,248.—April 27, 1888.—J. Dawson and R. Hirsch. Purification of nitric acid.

Opsiometer.—8,397.—June 8, 1888.—W. Gibbons. Testing the human eye, named "New opsiometer."

Rheumatism. — 8,868.—June 16, 1838.—E. W. Görnberg.
A preparation for the treatment of rheumatics.

Sauce.—7,583.—May 23, 1888.—Annie Lancaster. A new sauce and chutney condiment.

Sanitary Towel.—6,779.—May 7, 1888.—J. D. Mucklow. A sanitary towel or pad.

Skin Diseases.—7,797.—May 28, 1888.—D. McMurphy. A medicinal preparation for skin and other diseases.

Soap.—6,939.—May 9, 1883.—J. Thomson. Mercurial antiseptic soap.

Surgical Dressings.—8,032.—June 4, 1888.—U. J. Bourke and J. Milne. Surgical dressings for use on battle-fields.

Syringe.—8,998.—June 19, 1888.—A. Tertis. A circumcision syringe.

Thermometers.—7,357.—May 17, 1888.—T. P. C. Crampton, Clinical thermometers.

Tooth-brushes.—6,664.—May 4, 1888.—W. H. Kerr. Tooth brushes.

Trusses.—6,576.—May 2, 1838.—J. H. Haywood. Pads for trusses and other surgical appliances.——8,048.—June 1, 1888.—E. Dodd. Pads suitable for trusses, pessaries, and other instruments.

Vaccination Shield.—8,600.—June 12, 1888.—W. E. Birch.
A protector for the arm after vaccination.

Vaseline.—8,262.—June 6, 1888.—C. A. Morris. Prepara tions from vaseline.

Veterinary Medicines.—7,263.— May 16, 1888.— J. F. Blough. A medicinal tonic and vermifuge for horses, dogs, and other animals.——7,651.—May 24, 1888.— G. W. Bötz. Compound called "Antiscabin" for the treatment of scab in sheep.

Worm Eradicator.—7,004.—May 10, 1888.—W. S. Mackie. A preparation, entitled "Earth-worm and slug eradicator."

Specifications recently published. (Postage, 1d. each extra)

1887.

5,419. T. Thompson. Admixture of ferrous sulphate and potassium carbonate, &c. 6d.

6,619. J. C. Martin. Imparting body to sulphate of baryta, &c. 6d.

6,830. C. Schedl. Purgative, &c. 4d.

7,117. J. Thomson. Mercurial soaps. 6d.

7,701. C. F. Claus and others. Soda. 6d.

7,761. E. A. and F. F. Jones. Preparing oxides of iron, &c. 6d.

7,762. F. F. Bourdil. Spraying liquids. 8d.

7,859. L. A. Staub. Carbonate of soda, &c. 8d.

7,906. R. Schneider. Hydrate of baryta. 8d.

8,129. L. A. Staub. Carbonate of soda. 6d.

8,289. W. Bramley. Obtaining chlorine or hydrochloric acid from chloride of calcium. 6d.

8,644 H. Bouttell. Diffusing vapours for disinfecting, &c. 8d.

8,922. W. N. Hartley and W. E. B. Blenkinsop. Cobalt sulphate, &c. 6d.

9,227. C. Wigg. Bicarbonate of soda, &c. 8d.

9,808. H. Eschwege. Cooling beverage. 4d.

10,554. J. A. Walton. Liquid blue. 4d.

13,248. E. G. B. Barlow. Inhaling nitrous oxide gas. 8d.

14,169. J. J. Hicks. Hydrometers, &c. 8d.

14,245. F. Thake and J. Forrest. Furniture polish. 4d.

16,407. A. Caller. Surgical splints. 8d.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN CONSULS' REPORTS.

FRANCE.

Corsider Mineral Mineral Maters from Ajaccio, in the Island of Corsida, are on the increase, 27,423 cwt. having been shipped in 1887 against only 23,935 cvt. the year before. Practically the whole of this goes to France. The shipments consist almost entirely of the Orezza water, well known for its medicinal virtues (so the British Consul thinks). This water, which is sold for 152, a litre in Ajaccio, should find a better market in England.

MEXICO.

Experts Among the produce exported from the State of Vera Cruz in 1887 are named:—Vanilla, V_{Cra} Cruz: 8,000,000 pods, worth 27,1337; yellow wax, 65,000 lbs., value 6,0267.: Castilian wax, 84,000 lbs., value 1,9257.; sarsaparilla, 500,000 lbs., worth 3,6497. (=1 $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ per lb.): and jalap, 26,000 lbs., worth 1,400 lbs. (=1s. 1d. per lb.?)

Va Va. The vanilla bean grows wild in the cantons of Misantla and Papantla, and it is also cultivated there, in a primitive manner, by the Iudians. It is prepared for market by the cultivators and collectors, and often before it is quite ripe. This is especially the case with the wild vanilla, one family taking it early lest another family should get it when quite ripe for harvest. The systematic and rational cultivation of the plant in the cantons just mentioned would certainly be a remunerative business. At present the quantity produced is about 8,000 mils (one mil = 1,000 pods), worth about 3l. to 3l. 10s. per mil.

MONTENEGRO.

Describing the incidents of a tour through those parts of the principality which are least frequented by foreigners, our consul reports:—

Citnate. The climate may be looked upon as fairly healthy. Fevers of the ordinary intermittent type are of frequent occurrence in the valley of the Rieka, on the shores of the Lake of Scutari, and at Antivari, but the rest of the country is pretty free from them. Pulmonary diseases are of very common occurrence in and about Cettinje, being caused by the violent changes of temperature which are so frequent. The intense and penetrating damp, together with the more than indifferent construction of the houses, renders everyone most liable to acute rheumatism and neuralgic affections. Among children the mortality is considerable, but this may be attributed, perhaps, more to parental neglect than to climatic influences. There are hospitals at Cettinje and Podgoritza, and doctors at Antivari and Kolashin: but the people are only just beginning to avail themselves of scientific medical aid in case of sickness.

Domestic Remedics. It is said that there are Montenegrins who possess a very remarkable knowledge of medicial herbs, but that they are most unwilling to impart their secrets to others. Little by little, also, these men are beginning to replace their simple domestic remedies by more elaborate ones, not altogether, perhaps, to the advantage of patients. Among the plants mentioned as being used for medicinal purposes may be cited the following:—Millefolium, Plantago lanceolata, and mint for wounds, the latter especially to keep off gangrene: Althea officinalis, for coughs: sage, for colds; Euphorbia, one drop of the juice on a piece of bread as a laxative; Sedum aere, for jaundice. For toothache and diseases of the eye fumigations with Hyoseyamus niger are used, the popular idea being that the steam draws out the worms which are supposed to cause the pain.

Montenegro is not a promising country for the introduction of foreign goods. Almost everything used in the country is of the commonest description, and such trade as exists is nearly all in the hands of Trieste firms. It has been suggested to establish a depot of British goods at Antivari, where the retailers might supply their wants, but the prospects for the success of such a business seem doubtful. The language spoken in Montenegro is Serb. but Italian is also understood by some.

English, French, and German are practically unknown the country.

Morocco.

Orchella Export. Another small article, orchella weed, shows a largely increased value, 250l, just five times the amount of 1836; but it is noticeable that, while in that year England took this, in 1887 the whole quantity seems to have gone to Spain.

Other Drugs. Among other drugs, so far as they are specially mentioned, 10,454% of beeswax were exported, chiefly from Mogadore, against 21,587% in 1886; 14,520% of brown gum, 14,910% gum sandarac, and quantities of fenugreek seed, and cumin.

Cochineal. In the neighbourhood of Mogador the cochineal insect has been cultivated on the prickly pear cactus, which is much used as a hedge for small enclosures; but its production has been on a very small scale, and, with the low prices obtained by the cochineal-growers of the neighbouring Canary Islands, may be regarded rather as an interesting experiment than as a remunerative trade.

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PORTUGAL.

The Olive Oil Early in 1887 the Portuguese Government Industry appointed a Royal Commission to investigate Industry. appointed a fitted agricultural condition of the country. In their report the Commissioners assert with regard to olive oil that the golden days of the cultivation of the olive tree have passed away for ever. They estimate the depreciation during the last twenty-five years in the value of an olive yard, not profitably susceptible of other culture, at 50 per cent., which is also the exact percentage of the depreciation for the same period in the value of the oil. This result has arisen partly from exhaustion of the trees due to age, or the ravages of parasitical insects and fungi, and partly to the competition of Spanish oil. The Commissioners recommend as palliatives to this evil certain precautions on the frontier to prevent Spamish oil from coming into the market under the guise of (the presumably superior) Portuguese oil, and the engagement by the Government of a limited number of Italian oil-makers, who would teach the Italian processes at various Portuguese centres of production, since, though great improvements have of late years been introduced by some enlightened growers into the manufacture of Portuguese oil, it has never yet reached the degree of excellence attained by French and Italian oils.

SPAIN.

Trade at Barcelona. An industrial crisis prevailed throughout the year 1887, and plunged various parts of the province of Calatonia into profound misery and discontent, and the district of Barcelona suffered severely, factories having been either closed altogether or only partially worked with a reduced number of hands.

Strikes have frequently occurred during the year, all conducted, however, in a pacific manner, except in very few instances, where the police had to be called out to preserve order. The general depression, producers complain, was intensified through the reduction of import duties on British goods, though this importation has not been conspicuous in 1887, nor has it come up to what was expected; but the real causes of the depression were—the failure in harvests, the excess of taxation on property and produce, and the increased tariff of the carriage on railways.

UNITED STATES.

Quicksilver. The exports of quicksilver from San Francisco in 1879 amounted to 9,545 bottles, worth 79,812%; against 7,000 bottles, worth 46,000% the year before.

Borax. Of borax 7,350,073 lbs, worth 82,4661, were shipped from San Francisco last year; against 7,934,000 lbs., worth 80,0001, the year previous.

Medical Gleanings,

LISTERINE.

A COMPOUND has recently been introduced under this name as a surgical dressing, and has attained considerable popularity in America. According to *Fortsehritt* the following formula gives a preparation closely resembling it:—

Benzoic acid		 	 8	gins.
Borax		 	 8	, ,
Boric acid		 	 16	27
Thymol		 	 2.4	,,
Eucalyptol		 	 10 d	lrops
Oil of wintergr	een	 	 10	11
Oil of peppermi	nt	 	 6	**
Oil of thyme		 	 2	41
Rectified spirit		 	 180 g	
Water, to make		 	.000.	

A NEW FORM OF SUPPOSITORY.

THE cut is intended to represent on improved model for rectal suppositories, designed by Samuel G. Dixon,

M.D., of Philadelphia, Pa. Its shape serves to lessen the unpleasantness and inconvenience of ordinary nectal medication and alimentation. The modification consists principally in reversing the old model and forming a short cone-shaped piece to its base, making it into the point, leaving the long cone to serve practically as a handle until the thickest portion of the suppository (formed by the conjunction of the bases of the two cones) is past the internal sphincter muscle, when the contraction of this muscle upon the long reversed cone will be to force the entire mass farther up the rectum. Dr. Dixon gives no particulars in the Therapeutic Gazette as to how these suppositories should be made. There is no mould at present in the market



which is suitable for them. It is evident from the shape of the suppository that the mould would require to be in four pieces, with a shallow base for the shorter cone.

MUSCALE BUTTONS.

MESSRS. PARKE, DAVIS & Co. received from Mexico a drug said to be called "Muscale Buttons" in its own country, and to be used as a narcotic, food, or relish. The plant is reputed to belong to the family of the Caeti, but its genus or species could not be determined. The drug was handed over to Dr. L. Lewin, of the University of Berlin, for examination, and he reports (Therapeutic Gazette) that through the assistance of Mr. Henning, of the Botanical Museum, Berlin, he has been able to identify the plant from which it is obtained as a species of Anhalonium, new to botanists, but closely resembling Anhalonium Williamsii, Linn., but differing from it chiefly in the peculiar felt-like form of the single bunches of hair, which in the Anhalonium Williamsii are of a purer white, silkier, and longer. Mr. Henning has named the species Anhalonium Levinii. A chemical examination of the drug resulted in the separation of a basic substance (anhalonine) which is in the form of colourless or slightly yellow crystals, soluble in water, the solution being neutral in reaction. The base is almost insoluble in cold absolute alcohol, but dissolves when the mixture is warmed. Ether also dissolves it. The base forms salts with acids, and its solution gives precipitates with the alkaloidal reagents. A physiological examination of muscale buttons and their peculiar principle showed that their action is analogous to strychnine, tetanus being produced in frogs and other small animals, vomiting being produced in pigeons. But the investigation was not continued so far as to show the therapeutic application of the drug.

IPECACUANHA SPRAY.

THE influence of nostrums on medical treatment is well illustrated by the introduction of the ipecacuanha spray, in consequence of the success of a nostrum for chronic bronchitis and other diseases of the throat and respiratory

organs. This success drew the attention of medical men, and amongst them Dr. William Murrell, who in the Medical Press states that the nostrum was used in the form of a spray, and that its effects were little short of marvellous, a few inhalations affording prompt relief, both to the cough and shortness of breath. It always loosened the phlegm, and frequently gave rise to copious watery expectoration. It obviously belonged to the class of medicinal agents which we call expectorants, and a little thought showed that what the nostrum was capable of ipecacuanha wine might also do. Accordingly, the wine was tried in a number of cases at the Westminster Hospital, and Dr. Murrell reports that he has obtained most successful results from the employment of the spray in cases of chronic bronchitis and bronchial catarrh. In fibroid phthisis there is often a marked improvement, even when no constitutional treatment is adopted. A single inhalation will sometimes restore the voice in cases of hoarseness due to congestion of the vocal cords. It is a matter of little importance whether the spray be given with a handball spray apparatus or with a small steam vaporiser. In either case the spray must be warm, and the patient should not go out for some minutes after inhaling. Care should be taken to see that the spray really enters the chest, and is not stopped by the arching of the tongue against the wall of the mouth. The best results are obtained by using the spray for about ten minutes three or four times a day. In the majority of cases of winter cough relief will be obtained in ten days. The quantity of wine used as spray (generally diluted with water) varies from two drachms to an ounce per day.

SULPHUR AS A REMEDY.

MR. H. VALENTINE KNAGGS, M.R.C.S., Camden Road, N, has contributed a series of valuable papers to the *Therapeutic Gazette* on the use of sulphur in diphtheria and as a germ-destroyer in disease. Mr. Knaggs has long held the opinion that sulphur is an active antiseptic, and for six years now he has been using it, in conjunction with his father, as a remedy for diphtheria, no less than seventy-five cases having been treated by them with no other medicament than sulphur, and amongst these cases there has not been a single fatal one, Mr. Knaggs administers the sulphur as a mixture, for which the following is the formula:—

Mix the powders together in a mortar, then gradually add the glycerine, with constant trituration, and lastly the cinnamon water.

Dose : $-\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 teaspoonful to be taken every hour or oftener. The dose

Dose: -½ to 1 teaspoontul to be taken every hour or otherer. The dose should vary according to the age of the patient. The mixture ought to be continued for at least five days, but at less frequent intervals after the severity of the symptoms has abated.

If kept in tightly-corked, sealed, or stoppered tottles, this preparation will keep well for a very long time. It of course requires shaking before use. The mixture is remarkably palatable, and is readily taken both by children and adults. Each drachm contains about three grains.

A very careful review of the literature of sulphur, sulphurous acid, and hyposulphites as therapeutic agents is given in the paper, and while discussing Dr. Clay's Chian turpentine treatment of cancer, Mr. Knaggs calls attention to the fact that both the mixture and pills contain sulphur. Regarding this the author gives the following interesting paragraph:-" Dr. Clay should have rather stated that his remedy was sulphur and not Chian turpentine; for it appears to me to be highly probable that the latter brings out and increases in some ill-defined manner the curative action of the former medicament, when used as a remedy for cancer. just as with the old-fashioned 'Dutch drops' (which is said to be composed of 1 part of balsam of sulphur to 5 parts of turpentine, and to be credited with detergent, stimulant, and diuretic properties) the sulphur balsam increases the remedial powers of the turpentine, or vice versa." We are rather apt in these enlightened days to scoff at old-fashioned remedies, but who will say that they are ineffectual?

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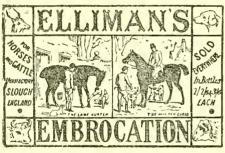
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THE SELLER OF POISONS.

THE report published last week of the inquest on Mr. Peter Brewster, who at the age of 72 died from the effects of strychnine-poisoning, calls urgent attention to the administration of the Pharmacy Act. Mr. Brewster was the landlord of a public-house at Lewisham. Last Sunday week he complained to a young customer named Malcolm Cowan that his liver was out of order. "Oh!" said young Æsculapius, "take a seidlitz powder with five drops of solution of strychnine in it." Unfortunately, Mr. Brewster was willing to take this advice, and he asked Mr. Cowan to obtain the draught for him. This gentleman called in a chemist's shop belonging to Mr. Henry, and was attended to by the proprietor's son, aged 22. The unqualified prescriber asked the unqualified dispenser to give him the alkaline part of a seidlitz powder in a 2-oz. phial, add 5 drops of liquor strychninæ, and fill it up. This is most likely what was asked for, though there is some little discrepancy in the evidence as to what was asked for in the chemist's shop. Young Henry says Cowan asked for 5 grains of strychnine, and then when he had put in liq. strychninæ equal to 5 grains, told him to fill up the bottle, which he did, with the same solution, making a dose of 8 grains of strychnine altogether. It did not much matter whether he gave 5 grains or 8 grains, but when

we find him so astoundingly incompetent as to label the bottle "the draught" at the request of Cowan, and not even then to remark on the deadly nature of the mixture he had made, we are justified in preferring to accept Cowan's own version of the conversation that passed, particularly as we know that Cowan had a clear knowledge of what he wanted.

As the matter is of much importance and several points arise out of it we think it right to print here a full report of young Henry's evidence at the inquest, taken from last Friday's Lewisham Gazette:—

Eugene Henry, having been cautioned by the coroner, said his age was 22: he was a chemist's assistant in the employ of his father, whom he had assisted in that capacity for about three years; was apprenticed to his father for three years, but his time expired about three years ago. Witness passed the preliminary examination for membership of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1881, but had not proceeded further. Knew Mr. Cowan by sight, he having been in the shop once or twice before Sunday last. On that evening Mr. Cowan came into the shop about eight o'clock with the last witness and (he believed) a child. Witness understood Mr. Cowan to ask for 5 grains of "liquor strychnine." He could not understand at first what he wanted, but concluded that he required 5 grains of strychninc in solution. Witness did not ask Mr. Cowan what he meant. He said he would take a seidlitz powder with it, and that he (witness) might as well fill a 2-oz. bottle with the contents of the blue paper dissolved in it. In accordance with this witness mixed 2 oz. of "liquor strychnine," corked the bottle up, and asked what he should put on it. Mr. Cowan said "put 'the draught," and he did so. Witness knew that if taken all at once the draught would be fatal, but it would not be if taken in doses, of which there were fifteen or twenty in the bottle. Had never heard of so many doses from a 2-oz. phial, but he had never made up a mixture of that kind before. He was aware of the Act of Parliament referring to the sale of poisons passed in 1868, but had only a general idea of its provisions, not a perfect one. They had the Act somewhere in the shop, but he could not say where. He did not put any other label on the bottle than that already described, and did not ask Mr. Cowan whether he was a qualified medical man. They had a register in the shop wherein was entered the sale of poisons. He made no entry of this sale, because he believed Mr. Cowan to be a medical man, and that it was not necessary, and he did not think it usual to put the word "poison' on a mixture he dispensed. Having heard the 17th section of the Act read by the coroner, the witness said he was still of the same opinion. He did not think that the law as to entering the sale in a book applied to sales to a medical man. He concluded Mr. Cowan was such by his conversation. Witness made no observation to Mr. Cowan as to the nature and danger of the draught, and did not ask him what he was going to do with it. Stryehnine was, so far as he knew, sold in two forms, powder and the "liquor." The standard of strength for the latter was 1 in 100. He had studied the properties of drugs since passing his examination; was not in the habit of selling poisons without carrying out the provisions of the Act, and always registered sales of poison to ordinary customers, who had to sign their names. remember the date when this was last done. Mr. Cowan said, "You may as well fill a 2-oz. bottle." He had asked first for 5 grains, which were put into the phial. Two ounces of the "liquor" would contain 8 grains. It could be measured by grains, but it was not usual. Witness had never measured it by grains before. When Mr. Cowan said, "Fill a 2-oz. bottle," witness concluded that he wanted 2 oz. of the "liquor," or 8 grains of strychnine in the bottle, and he gave him that quantity. The book for registering the sale of poisons having been sent for and produced, the witness said he personally had never made an entry in it. He was only at the Hither Green shop on Sundays, and spent the balance of his time in "various ways." He assisted his father somewhat at the other shop in Loampit Vale, and was receiving a salary of 101. per annum from him. Witness occasionally attended at the Loampit Vale shop, but not to take sole

The question which presents itself to everyone who reads this astounding piece of evidence is whether the legislature,

which is known to have interested itself in regard to the sale of poisons, has really left it possible for this youth to distribute death and destruction in this reckless fashion. The answer is, that the legislature has taken particular care to prevent such a proceeding. Young Henry, not being a qualified chemist and druggist, was liable, under the 15th section of the Pharmacy Act, to a penalty of five pounds for selling a scheduled poison. His employer, in this case his father, is liable to another penalty of five pounds, under the 17th section of the Act, for the non-observance of the proper precautions stipulated for when strychnine is sold. Now the first of these penalties is the more important one of the two; but it can only be sued for by the Pharmaccutical Council. Since the passing of the Act the incidence of the clause on unqualified assistants has been practically ignored; it is undoubted law, and it was declared, in the judgments of the highest Courts, in the case of the Pharmaceutical Society v The London and Provincial Supply Association, that any person, whether he be proprietor of, or assistant, or apprentice in a business, if he be not on the register of chemists and druggists, is, under the clause we have named, personally liable to a penalty of five pounds if he sells any scheduled poison. Moreover, the fine was actually inflicted in a case tried in Edinburgh, in February, 1887. The decision on that occasion was something of a fluke, for the object of the Pharmaceutical Council then was to prevent an unqualified man who was cutting prices from carrying on business. In no case that we know of has the Pharmaceutical Council ever prosecuted the unqualified assistant of a registered chemist for selling poisons.

And why has this provision of the Pharmacy Act never been enforced? Why is it that now, twenty years after the passing of the Act, apprentices and unexamined assistants regularly sell poisons in chemists' shops, and do not know that they are infringing the law if the proprietor of the business happen to be on the register? We fear it must be replied that the main reason why this provision has been neglected is that it would not have been popular with the members of the Society or with the trade generally. But that explanation would not suffice to satisfy the Privy Council if this case should come before the authorities at Whitehall; and it must be admitted that they, on behalf of the public, have a right to insist that men who undertake the responsibility of dealing in poisons shall only permit them to be handled by persons officially certified to be competent. There can be little doubt, too, that it would be ultimately to the advantage of chemists themselves to provide such a safeguard without being forced to it by means of prosecutions.

The branch-shop question is brought prominently forward by this report, which shows the importance of such a clause as that which the House of Lords added to the Pharmacy Act Amendment Bill. It will be noticed from our Parliamentary report that Sir Henry Roscoe has taken advantage of the occurrence to endeavour to get Government assistance towards passing the Pharmacy Bill. Another consideration suggested by Henry's evidence is one we have several times urged, namely, that every apprentice should be taught the legal as well as the technical requirements of the business he proposes to follow. This Eugene Henry had served a three-years apprenticeship, and "was aware of the Act of Parliament referring to the sale of poisons, but had only a general idea of its provisions, not a perfect one. They had the Act somewhere in the shop, but he could not say where." This is a state of things which ought not to be allowed to continue; and it is quite a question whether an exact knowledge of the provisions of the Pharmacy Acts ought not to be made a subject of the qualifying examination.

BRITISH EXPORTS TO FRANCE.

An abstract, compiled from the French official returns, has been recently issued setting forth the volume and value of British imports into France during the years 1880, 1881, and 1886, together with the amount paid into the French exchequer for customs duties upon these goods, and the proportion of the duties to the value of the merchandise imported. The return, therefore, gives a very fair idea of the extent to which our export trade has been influenced by the frequent alterations in the French tariff (generally in the direction of protection) which have taken place since 1880. One hundred and seven different classes of merchandise are described in the report, and of these only eleven are now exempt from customs duties, while in 1881 twelve, and in 1880 fourteen classes were free. Since 1880, moreover, the percentage of duties has augmented in thirty-nine different classes, while it has fallen in twenty-six classes. The proportion of duties levied in France on British imports ranges from 0.1 per cent. on wool to 1366 per cent, on certain varieties of sugar, Exotic products, or at any rate such as are not produced in France on a sufficiently large scale to fill the requirements of native industry, are let off very lightly; thus wool, manures, and building materials only pay an average duty of onethousandth part of their value, silk pays ½ per cent., raw cotton, ivory, and tortoiseshell 1/5 per cent. This shows that the French, after all, have not yet carried the art of protecting native industry to its logical conclusion, for in that case they ought to have acclimatised the elephant in, say, Auvergne, and the tortoise in the Landes, and placed prohibitive duties on ivory and tortoise shell for the benefit of local breeders. Among the most heavily taxed articles are tea, 824 per cent.; cocoa, 616 per cent.; sugar, "vergeoise," 136.6 per cent.; and coffee, 106.3 per cent. But if these articles are brought directly from the producing countries to France by French vessels a considerable abatement is allowed, and thus it has been brought about that in 1886 we exported to France from this country only 2,176,568 kilos. coffee, and 312,099 kilos. cocoa, against 4,347,694 and 600,333 kilos. respectively in 1880. This game, however, cannot always be played with success, as the tea exports show. In 1880 we sent to France 131,219 kilos, of that product, upon which a duty averaging $51\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. was paid. In 1881 our shipments advanced to 142,854 kilos., and in 1886, although the duty had been raised in the meantime to an average of $82\frac{2}{5}$ per cent., we exported 183,739 kilos. This proves in the first place that London has acquired so strong a position as the world's tea market that not all the jeremiads of French colonists or the differential duty tinkerings of the French legislature can prevent us from supplying France with tea, while, secondly, it supports the view that the dictates of fashion override economic schemes, and that, in obedience to the new fashion of "fivoclocquer à cinq heures," Frenchmen (and women) will have their tea whatever the duty they may have to pay on it. Horses pay duty in France, and in 1886 2,685f. were levied on the 966 animals imported from Great Britain. But the sum exacted is a trifling one, and it has been still further reduced since 1880, possibly on account of bellicose eventualities. Beer and whisky are heavily taxed also, notwithstanding which the imports of the former beverage are increasing in value. However inexplicable it may seem, 1,193,568 litres of wine were imported into France from Great Britain in 1886, representing a value of 1,408,226f. The import duties on British coal have been raised from an average of 6.7 per cent. in 1880 to 9.2 per cent. in 1886, yet French consumers have been compelled to buy from us 150,000 tons more in the latter than in the former year. The mania for aping English dress, which has seized upon France during the last two or three years' and finds occupations for "les outfitters Anglais," "the gentlemen outfitters," and other pseudo-British concerns whose huge perambulating advertisements disfigure the Parisian thoroughfares, has resulted in a substantial gain in the imports of British ready-made wearing apparel and underclothing, of which the French bought 1,053,583f. worth in 1881, and 3,061,890f. worth in 1886. The British export trade in drugs and chemicals to France does not appear to be very flourishing just now, for in nearly every branch for which figures are given there is a considerable falling off, although the average of the duties has been lowered in several instances. Of chemical products our exports in 1886 were valued at 14,433,114f., with an average duty-tariff of 7 per cent.; gums, 1,069,737f., average duty 13 per cent.; prepared spices, 217,641f., duty 6 per cent.; volatile oils, 1,053,058f., duty 5.1 per cent.; patent medicines, 81,326f., duty 13.1 per cent.; perfumery, 459,604f., duty 4 per cent.; bismuth, 434,520f., duty 01 per cent.; and antimony, 390,302f., duty 67 per cent. As regards these items no separate statistics were in existence in 1880, and it is therefore impossible to say whether the imports are growing or not. But a number of other important pharmaceutical articles were separately classified both in 1880 and in 1886, and the total value of these is shown to have fallen from eighteen million in the former to ten and a half million francs in the latter year. In 1880 we sent to France, in round figures, of drugs 3,925,000f. worth, duty 11 per cent.; exotic resins, 1,128,000f., duty 3.8 per cent.; quicksilver, 680,000f., free; fixed oils, 5,580,000f., duty 7 per cent.; indigo, 3,415,000f., duty 18 per cent.; oil seeds, 128,000f., duty 21 per cent.; colours, 565,000f., duty 8.7 per cent.; coal tar dyes, 460,000f., free; sponges, 1,442,000f., duty 3.6 per cent. In 1886 the figures were, drugs, 1,523,000f, 18 per cent.; exotic resins, 1,492,000f, 1.7 per cent.; quicksilver, 781,000f., free; fixed oils, 1,411,000f., 87 per cent., indigo, 2,632,000f., 1.7 per cent.; oil seeds, 59,000f., 2 per cent.; colours, 1,354,000f., 13.2 per cent.; coal tar dyes, 628,000f., 8.6 per cent.; sponges, 679,000f., 23 per cent. The total value of British exports to France of pharmaceutical and allied articles is still close upon 29,000,000f. yearly, a trade certainly worth an effort to preserve, and which will undoubtedly expand afresh whenever France again commences to lower her customs-tariff.

THE COMPANIES BILL.

A BILL has been introduced into the House of Lords by the Lord Chancellor, and was read a second time on Thursday, which has for its object the prevention of the formation of fraudulent companies under the Acts granting the principle of limited liability to associations of individuals. The principle of limited liability, as applied to commercial enterprises, has become so popular within the last twenty years, and seems destined to be woven much more largely into the business affairs of this country in the near future, that it is of vital i mportance to protect it as far as possible from abuse. The Bill proposed by the Government, cautiously drawn as it evidently has been, and excellent as it is in many points, will probably be found to go farther than is politic in the way of controlling the speculative tendencies of mankind. Such evils as have been found to be associated with limited companies are all traceable to the general preference of 6 to 3 per cent.; the only thing the Government ought to do is to provide that an unfair advantage shall not be taken of this rather natural tendency.

The most important proposal in the Lord Chancellor's Bill

is one providing for an initiatory stage of a new company to be called "provisional registration," this term to be applied to the company while in that stage in all documents which may be issued by or on behalf of the company. Provisional registration is to be in force for three months, unless the provisions for complete registration are previously complied with. During this time the subscribers to the memorandum of association are to be the directors of the company, and are to have power to make the necessary provisional arrangements for carrying on the business of the company. Complete registration is not to be granted unless at least a fourth of the shares have been subscribed for, and at least a tenth of the nominal amount so subscribed has been paid in cash; it is also required to be satisfactorily shown that the total number of shares held by the directors is not less than a fifth of the total number applied for; and that each director holds not less than ten shares. Any prospectus inviting subscription to the shares or debentures of the company is to disclose truly (1) the property acquired or to be acquired by the company: (2) the consideration for this property; (3) the mode in which that consideration or any part of it has been applied or is to be; and (4) any arrangement by which any promoter of the company or any person on behalf of a promoter or by his aid or connivance derives any benefit from the payment of any purchase or other money payable by the company, or from the issue of any shares or debentures. Should default be made in the performance of the duty thus imposed, the defaulter is to be liable to make compensation for any loss or damage sustained by reason of it. And if the default is knowingly and wilfully made, he is to be guilty of a misdemeanour. The accounts of all companies registered after the passing of the Bill are to be audited once a year by some person not a director, and a balance sheet in a form sanetioned by the Board of Trade is to be drawn up and submitted to every member at least seven days before the annual meeting of the company.

These are the principal provisions of the Bill and they indicate its character. That they can or will interfere with the formation of companies to carry on the business of chemists and druggists, as has been imagined in some quarters, is a pure delusion; and the hope of getting "company pharmacy" demolished by a side-wind of this kind is a vain one. There are no provisions in the Bill which it would not be perfectly easy for chemist and druggist companies to comply with, and we fail to see the honour of declining a fair-and-square fight with these corporations, and yet desiring to compass their destruction by some clauses in a Bill drawn up with quite a different intention.

VEGETABLE PRODUCTS IN AUSTRALASIA.

The effect of low prices is felt universally. While we are grumbling at home about "cutting" prices and forgetting that the sack of flour was never so cheap as it is now, our fellow countrymen in the antipodes are striving to solve the financial difficulty which is resulting through the diminished and still diminishing price of wheat. Farming unquestionably is at a low ebb in this country, and it is not much better—indeed, with over-production and higher wages it is even worse—in Greater Britain. Can Australia grow profitably anything but wheat and wool? These are the staple articles, those upon which much of the wealth of the colonies depends, and it has become a matter of urgent public importance to the colonists that something definite should be done for the more profitable tillage of the fertile soil with

which Nature has endowed them. There was, therefore appointed some time ago a Royal Commission on vegetable products to investigate the matter. This commission held fifty six meetings in Melbourne, besides visiting South Australia and had before them all sorts and conditions of men who were able to give advice regarding the cultivation of the soil and its products.

One of the main objects of the commission was to indicate to farmers how to use their lands to greater advantage in the eultivation of products now imported. Customs returns show that vegetable and animal products capable of being grown or manufactured in Australasia are imported into Victoria to the value of about six millions sterling per annum, and into the other Australian colonies to the value of about thirteen millions per annum. These imports include many drugs and allied products, which are shown by the official returns to amount to the following sums annually:—

Materials					Victoria	All the Colonies	
Oils, vegetable Tea Tobacco, including cig unmanufactured toba Mustard Opium Perfumes and essential Starch Resin Limejuce Dyes Arrowroot Gum Liquorice Blue Canany seed Chicory Gelatine Glue Honey and beeswax		and m	anufao	etured	and	96,164 668,472 282,061 19,073 41,651 13,549 16,136 7,099 2,585 23,667 998 4,992 3,455 2,597 1,392 3,55 1,697 2,885 2,885 2,886 2,885	287,814 1,668,517 745,446 65,570 142,570 22,664 61,732 12,847 10,460 31,238 7,885 16,732 3,824 25 668 3,780 6,443 1,697 9,487 2,109

Of the chief items in this list there can be no doubt that oil, tea, tobacco, and opium-yielding plants can be grown in Australasia with but little trouble. In South Australia, for example, the olive has been successfully cultivated since 1851, and the samples of oil exhibited at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition were excellent of their kind. This is an industry which might with advantage be greatly extended, more especially as the manufacture of the oil is not so largely dependent upon manual labour as some other manufactures of vegetable products. Moreover, the market for pure olive oil is seldom overstocked, and if we were to judge alone from the prevalence and persistence of adulteration in this article, a pure Australian oil would be remunerative. The report by Dr. Trimen, which we recently published, contained a referrence to the cultivation of tea in Australasia. There is little doubt that the climate is suitable for this plant, and the consumption of tea per head of the population is nowhere in the world so large as it is in Australasia; but there is one powerful deterrent to the extension of tea-planting in the colonies, and that is the cost of labour. Labour there costs as many shillings as pence are paid for it in China, India, and Ceylon; and these countries could, in spite of heavy duties, place tea on the Australian market at a lower price than it could be produced there. For the same reason the cultivation of the opium poppy has never become general. Mr. Joseph Bosisto has produced excellent opium on his estate, but he makes no secret of the fact that although there is an import duty of 1l. per pound on the drug, it is questionable if opium production could be made to pay in Australia. Cheaper labour the colonists can get if they like but they strongly object to the introduction of it in the shape of John Chinaman, and he is really the only coolie who could exist in the colonies. Tobacco is already grown in

Australia, but if we may judge from the price which it fetches as compared with the imported article, viz. about onehalf, it cannot be of high quality. Some attention to the cultivation of the herb and the harvesting of the leaf should, however, improve matters in this respect. Fairly good tobacco has recently been grown in England under proper scientific conditions; these conditions might be observed in the colonies. and, as they have the advantage of England in climate, the result there ought to be at least equal. In regard to these matters we find in the fifth report of the commission that a bonus for oil and opium production is suggested, and for tobacco-growing it is urged that capable experts should be obtained to instruct both growers and manufacturers. The licence-fee of 150% for small factories is recommended to be reduced, and the whole question of duty and excise should be carefully reconsidered.

The colonies, it is well known, yield some wattle barks rich in tannin, which are exported to Europe in large quantities. On the strength of evidence given before them, the commission recommend owners of poor lands to try wattle-growing as likely to be remunerative where other crops fail. The supply of wattle bark is failing, and the price has doubled within the last few years. The cultivation of the "Canaigre root," which has grown well at Dookie, and contains from 26 to 40 per cent. of tannin, is also strongly recommended; and the Council of Agricultural Education hope to be able shortly to distribute roots of the plant amongst the farmers.

Mr. Warrick has recently spoken of the cultivation of perfume plants in Australia, and he is of opinion that it would be likely to turn out successful. We learn from the report that the growth of perfume plants and the manufacture of essential oils and perfumes is successfully carried on at Mitcham, near Melbourne, and reference is made to the opinion of Mr. A. Piesse, whose experience in this line is sufficiently indicated by his name, and the fact that he is a son of the author of the "Art of Perfumery." Mr. Piesse gave evidence before the commission, and stated that "Victoria is particularly well suited for the production of perfumes." Apart from the native odorous plants, whose number is legion, the cultivation of the well-established favourites not indigenous to the country would be most remunerative.

Closely allied to this is the cultivation of fruit. Australia produces more of the succulent fruits than she knows well what to do with, so that it is not surprising to note that the commission have suggestions to make regarding the export of the ripe fruit and manufactures from it. We should think that much of this, which at present is allowed to go to waste or sold unprofitably, might advantageously be employed for the manufacture of fruit-juices—raspberry, strawberry, and the like. The demand for these is constant, and the supply of natural juices from European fruit is but a small part of the total consumed, most of the fruit essences being of artificial production. With proper means for concentration and preservation the natural juices might be made in Australia on a paying basis. What the Australians have, in short, so successfully done in viticulture might also be done in arboriculture. In connection with this and other vegetable products, which the commission believe may be exported from the colonies, it is suggested "that action be taken with a view to the establishment of colonial markets in London, so that colonial goods would be shown to the best advantage, and the public would know where to go to secure bona-fide Australian goods of the best quality." This can only be done by private enterprise. "United Australian action," which is limited at most, probably means "official action," and this would result in a useless, unprofitable museum. For real results shops all over London are required, and if the capital and enterprise for these are forthcoming, Londoners will buy readily enough if there is anything good to sell. But it is evident from the report that the metropolitan public are not the first to be educated regarding the value of Australian produce. The colonists themselves require instruction, and more especially the farmers, whose object hitherto has been to get a big farm and put into it the work and manures which are only suited for a little one. This has to be changed, and the farmers have also to be informed of what else than wheat may be grown in mother earth; therefore the commission strongly recommend the publication of a cheap edition of Baron von Mueller's work, "Select Extra-Tropical Plants for Industrial Culture and Naturalisation," which affords the fullest information as to the useful plants capable of being grown in Victoria, and specially indicating the more important and valuable of them. We trust that the commission's labours will bear good fruit, and that Australian commerce, and more especially agriculture, will be advanced by it, and will take a larger share in supplying the old country with many of the raw products for which we are at present dependent upon foreign countries.

The Pharmaceutical Society has some grains of North comfort afforded to it in the election of its British Scottish Executive last week. While they Branch. retain the services of such of its veterans as Messrs. W. Gilmour, Storrar, Daniel Frazer, Nesbit, Kinninmont, J. B. Stephenson, and Mackenzie, who were members of the Council of the branch in the time of the late John Mackay, there are now on the executive a number of active young pharmacists of the latter-day school, as well as several men of great administrative experience, such as Messrs. Watt and Paterson. Altogether the executive is a strong one, and is related fairly well to the different districts of the country. Pleasant as it no doubt is for the Council of the Society to reflect that they have a body of so well-qualified colleagues to act with them, the more gratifying feature of the election lies in the number of persons who voted at this election. It is true that 304 voting papers were sent out on the present occasion, as compared with 305 last year; but going back to the beginning of the decade we find that in the year 1880 212 voting papers, representing the number of members and associates in business of the Society in Scotland, were sent out, 210 were issued the following year, 246 in 1882, 247 in 1883, and 272 in 1884. In 1885 there was no vote, trouble had come on the branch, and the members and associates simply met and filled the vacancies without going to the formality of a poll. By the following year matters had come to a crisis, and the Council of the branch had ceased to exist; but by 1887 the breach was healed, and in a poll taken at the beginning of the year 292 voters were on the register, the number going up to 305 six months later. It would appear, therefore, that amidst the general tendency to decline which characterises the membership of the Society as a whole, it is flourishing in Scotland to an extent which justifies the demands of the Scottish members for a representative executive elected by themselves. Had these members realised that they were four times stronger than the Irish Society we fear that the dispute which they were drawn into three years ago would have had a different ending.

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Phonograms. Mr. Edison's latest invention seems to be about realiscd. It has been already announced that his newest idea was such a perfection of his phonograph as would allow not only of the reception of the words and tones spoken into it, and the reproduction of these at any subsequent time, but also of the repetition of these by means of wax impressions, which could be sent by post, placed in another machine, and ground out with all the emphasis, and in the same pitch and style, as were given to the original message. An enthusiastic friend of Mr. Edison's, a Mr. G. E. Gouraud, of Little Menlo, Beulah Hill, Upper Norwood, writes to the papers saying that on Tuesday last he received from Mr. Edison his perfected phonograph, and that on working it he and his family enjoyed the unprecedented and

astounding experience of listening to Mr. Edison's own familiar and unmistakeable tones here in England—more than 3,000 miles from the place where he had spoken, and exactly tendays after, the voice having been meanwhile voyaged across the Atlantic Ocean. In several long phonogramic communications (no word of which had to be repeated in order to be clearly and easily understood by every person present, including a child of seven years old) Mr. Edison mentions that he will send to Mr. Gouraud phonograms by every mail leaving New York, and requests him to correspond with him exclusively through the medium of the phonograph, humorously remarking in this connection upon the advantages he will himself derive from the substitution of phonograms for a style of writing not always too legible. Mr. Gouraud says he has also received phonograms from other mutual friends, whose voices he readily recognises, as well as numerous musical records of great interest and beauty; pianoforte, cornet, and other instruments, solos, duets, &c., many of which, Mr. Edison says, have been frequently repeated, some several hundred times. The new phonograph is thus described by a recent reporter:-The "talking machine" of a dozen years ago has disappeared, but the principle remains and is now in the form of a practical commercial invention as well as a pleasing toy. There is a motor-box about 11 in. square, and the armature in it is only a horizontal ring or wheel of metal, with 10 pole pieces at regular intervals on the rim. The "cat power" battery is in a separate case underneath. The phonograph is a separate arrangement, attached to the motor-box by two screws. There is a small shaft 4 in. long, with 100 threads to the inch, which feeds what looks like a pair of spectacles with a receiver and transmitter in one ring. Then there is a recorder in the form of a steel knife fastened to the diaphragm. The receiver is a delicate metal needle, which operates on a phonograph blank of white wax. This blank is hollow and tapers inside so as to bind by friction in hot or cold weather on a metal drum. A second shaft has a coarse reverse thread, and is only used where repetition is desired. On the surface of the little wax blank, which looks like an ivory dice box, can be recorded from 1,000 to 1,200 words or several musical compositions. A wax blank can be automatically pared from fifteen to twenty times for new records. When in motion the phonograph looks very much like a turning lathe.

Recipe for a In the last number of the *Universal Review* Dr. Edward Berdoe has an article on "the College Medical of Physicians and the Medical Press," which Journal. shows that the pompous pretensions which do so much discredit to the medical profession among outsiders are not altogether unobserved by those inside the show. The absurdity of resolving as the college has done that it is undesirable that any of its members should contribute articles on professional subjects to journals professing to supply medical knowledge to the general public, and winking at the vigorous efforts which some medical journals make to attract the public to themselves, is well shown up. Here is the plan according to Dr. Berdoe for making up a medical journal:-Take of advertisements about anything in the heavens above, the earth beneath, or the waters under the earth, which can possibly interest a more or less imaginary invalid-seventy pages; of a pleasant discourse on embryonic life, highly interesting and instructive to our young people—two pages and a half; of downright heavy and profoundly scientific stuff, interesting to nobody but the writers—some dozen pages; of accounts of special operations, interesting only to those who are likely to have cases requiring such treatment, and therefore mere advertisements for the business carried on by the operators—half a score of pages; next, some twenty columns of coloured and pseudo-scientific paragraphs about subjects connected with our homes, our amusements, and our occupapations; a little about our Queen, and a good deal about our neighbour's Kaiser; many columns about our taxes, our hard times, the climates we might enjoy, and the sort of weather which torments us; and we have a paper calculated to interest any fairly-educated reader for half a day—a journal to vie with the Times or the Spectator for the general reader, a splendid medium for bringing week after week into our homes the names, the honours, and the history of the work of the high priests of medicine and surgery in this kingdom. How they avail themselves of their oppor-

tunities, how they blow their own trumpets, how they tell of their successes and explain their failures—is it not written in the columns of the oldest medical journal? Yet they do not advertise! Nevertheless, when old Mrs. Uppercrust, who, like the rector's wife in "Middlemarch," is "much too well born not to be an amateur in medicine," and reads her Larcet as faithfully as she peruses her society journal, learns that her young friend's baby is seriously ill, she is at once prepared to advise a consultation with Dr. Artemis Lcto, senior physician to the Hospital for Decayed Infants, because she has long been familiar with his articles on the diet of babies in the pages of her favourite medical periodical.

NEW COMPANY.

DENAEYER'S PEPTONES COMPANY (LIMITED).- Registered with a capital of 10,000l., in shares of 10l. each. It is proposed to take over and acquire the sale and exclusive right to work the inventions for all parts of the world for the manufacture of pure peptones of meat, and all chemical combinations from peptones, especially peptonate of iron, and its officinal preparations, such as wines, syrups, elixirs, &c., according to the system known as Denaeyer's. subscribers are :- F. H. Leaders, merchant, 118 Bishopsgate Street Within, E.C.; C. Van Gael, 147 Chartsee de Haecht, Brengeller; C. Fryer, 76 Rotherfield Street, Islington, N.; W. H. M. Maclean, Kingslyn, Upper Norwood, S.E.; O. Haldar, Mill Holme, Forest Hill, S.E.; F. F. Eledin, Cresswell Lodge, Chiswick, S.W.; F. P. Seir, Woodlands, Clapham Park. The first directors are to be Alphonse Florent Denaeyer, Francois H. Leaders, and Charles van Gael. The qualification of every director to be the holding of not less than 20 shares or debentures. The directors to be paid 8 per cent. of the net profits, after 5 per cent. has been set aside as a reserve

Obituary.

COLE.—On June 20, at Sheffield, from typhoid fever, Mr. Harold Cole, son of Mr. Cole, chemist, Congleton. Mr. Harold Cole had been with Mr. Newsholme, chemist, Sheffield, for the past three years, and had taken several prizes in the Sheffield School of Pharmacy.

DAVIES.—On May 9, Mr. John Richard Davies, chemist and druggist, Market Place, Holyhead. Aged 68.

FISHER.—On June 14, Mr. John Fisher, chemist and druggist, Ashton-upon-Ribble, Preston, Lancs. Aged 61.

HARCUS.—On June 14, Mr. John Harcus, chemist and druggist, late of Woodhouse, near Sheffield. Aged 45.

JENKINS —On June 12, Mr. John Thomas Jenkins, pharmaceutical chemist, New Radford, Notts. Aged 48

LOVETT.—On June 5, Mr. John Lovett, chemist and druggist, Gloucester. Aged 90.

ROBERTS,—On June 18, Mr. Francis Roberts, chemist and druggist, Park Street, Brighton. Aged 44.

Mr. DUTTON has been appointed dispenser to the Sheffield Union.

LARGE FIRE IN NEW ZEALAND.—On the morning of May 27 a disastrous fire occurred in the premises of Messrs. Sharland & Co., wholesale chemists, Shortland Street, Auckland, which resulted in the premises being completely gutted. The damage is considerable, but the insurances are unknown. The adjoining warehouses also suffered damage.

An Australian contemporary reports the death on April 18 of the "distinguished scientist" Sir H. E. Roscoe, F.R.S., LL.D., and duly obituarises him. We have pleasure in informing our numerous Australian subscribers that since that date Sir Henry, or a very substantial ghost much resembling him, has been busy experimenting on London sewage for the Metropolitan Board of Works, that he still finds use for the respectable fees paid him for this important work, and showed his interest in pharmacy so late as Thursday evening.

Trade Report.

Notice to Retail Buyers:—It should be remembered that the quotations in this section are invariably the lowest net cash prices actually paid for large quantities in bulk. In many cases allowances have to be added before ordinary prices can be ascertained. Frequently goods must be picked and sorted to suit the demands of the retail trade, causing much labour and the accumulation of rejections, not all of which are suitable, even for manufacturing purposes.

It should also be recollected that for many articles the range of quality is very wide,

42 CANNON STREET, E.C., June 28.

THERE has been very little improvement in business since our last report, but it is thought that after the turn of the half-year, and when once stocktaking is over, things may begin to look up a little. In the chemical market some improvement is noticeable in citric acid, but tartaric still hangs fire. On the other hand quinine is rather a shade lower than firmer, morphia has altogether broken down, cocaine is a little easier, and some of the German agents are willing to accept lower prices for glycerine. The agents for the saccharin manufacturers, too, have lowered their quotations. Among heavy chemicals cream of tartar, carbolic acid, sulphate of copper, bleaching-powder, and chlorate of potash are all lower. Gambier and shellac have both improved. As regards drugs, there is some slight improvement in ipecacuanha, senna, cascara sagrada, the better varieties of cardamoms, lycopodium, senega root, and some essential oils, notably star anise, geranium, and American peppermint. On the other hand there are some important drugs which are lower in value, such as rhubarb, musk, caraway seed, opium, golden seal root, curação aloes, cantharides, and vanilla.

CAFFEINE FROM TEA-DUST.—We have on former occasions referred to the proposal which came before the chemical section of the London Chamber of Commerce regarding the manufacture of caffeine from those qualities of tea which are unsuitable for dietetic purposes, yet contain alkaloid in such quantity that it would be profitable to work up the tea in the manufacture of alkaloid. Large quantities of this tea are so worked up in Germany, and it would be possible to retain the greater proportion of the material in this country, and to establish practically a new industry here, provided the Customs would allow the kinds of tea in question to be landed duty free. Overtures having been made in the proper quarter and the Board of Customs have expressed their willingness to meet the demands of the chemical section, provided a suitable method for denaturalising the tea was submitted to them. The addition of asafætida or lime has been recommended for this purpose, and although the Board of Customs have not yet given their decision as to which method will be adopted, matters have advanced so far that Messrs. Howards & Sons, of Stratford, and Mr. Thomas Whiffen, of Battersea, are about to commence the manufacture of caffeine from tea.

To DAY'S DRUG AUCTIONS partook to a great extent of the nature of a "rummage" sale, and gentlemen who buy with an eye to quantity rather than quality made the most of their opportunities. Cumin seed at 5s., gum elemi at 3s., and Curaçao aloes at 16s. per cwt. are only a few of the "unparalleled bargains." There were jaborandi leaves that might with advantage have been passed through a wringing machine, "senna" (forty bales of it) for which no higher bid was obtainable than one-thirty-second of a penny per lb., areca nuts appealing in vain for a buyer at 1s. per cwt., and, finally, 66 lbs. of scammony which was sold at 3d. per lb. Following a gentle hint, we do not hesitate to describe these lots as rubbish; but if the brokers knew them to be such, would it not have been better to decline the responsibility of selling them? And how about the consumers? And what of firms who buy honest goods at a fair trade price and are compelled to compete with this sort of thing?

THE "PREMIER BROKER" assured us once that he did not want any more newspapers, and might therefore be supposed

to entertain no particular affection towards the press. But it is the exception that proves the rule, and on this occasion that exception is made in favour of an evening contemporary which has recently commenced to shed its lustre over us. The name of the Liberal candidate for Hampstead figures prominently among the galaxy of other personages celebrated in art, science, literature, or politics, which graced the Stonecutter Street mansion on Wednesday evening.

THE new Swedish Customs tariff, by which the import duties on foreign industrial products are considerably increased, comes into force on July 1.

Threatened Failure of the Crops in British India.—The Daily News correspondent telegraphs under date of June 27 that the monsoon rains are a fortnight overdue, while great heat prevails throughout Bengal and Northern India, and the crop prospects are becoming seriously affected. The district reports which are made up to June 23 were published in the official Calcutta Gazette of June 27. They show that throughout Bengal the crops in the ground, especially the young rice, were withering, and must be wholly lost if rain does not come soon. Prices are rising. The cattle are suffering from want of pasturage. Water is becoming scarce, and agricultural operations are at a standstill. The outlook is very serious, and there is no sign of a change. The scientific explanation given is that the monsoon current has been deflected to Burmah and Assam, where heavy rain has been falling for ten days.

TIME-BARGAINS IN SALTPETRE.—A meeting of firms interested in the saltpetre trade was held in Hamburg on June 20, to consider a communication of the local produce clearing-house, suggesting the desirability of establishing time-bargains in saltpetre, and offering facilities for including that article among those dealt in by the concern. It was, however, decided to decline the offer.

ACID (CARBOLIC) is rather weaker than firmer, although at this season of the year the tendency is generally the other way. Liquid acid 95 per cent. may now be had at 1s. 5d. per gallon; Crystals, 1s, 5d. to 1s. 6d.; and bulk, 1s. 1d. to 1s. 4d. per lb.

ACID (CITRIC).—A rather better feeling prevails, and we do not think it would now be possible to buy under 1s. 7d. per lb., although we have not heard that that price has yet been paid. Lemon juice is also dearer in Sicily.

ACID (TARTARIC) quiet at 1s. $5\frac{1}{2}d$. for *Foreign*, and 1s. $5\frac{3}{4}d$. for *English*.

Aloes.—Cape aloes were rather neglected at to-day's auctions; only 26 cases were offered, nearly half of which sold at 19s. 6d. for fair hard bright but very drossy, and 18s. down to 13s. for more ordinary qualities. Fine Cape aloes were not offered. The assortment of Curação aloes catalogued for sale was an extensive one, but of inferior quality, and sold partly at very low rates indeed; fair dark brown in gourds realised 50s. per cwt.; darker, in boxes, 42s.; and ordinary Capey and common aloes from 22s. to 25s. A parcel of 240 boxes cinders was partly sold at 16s. per cwt., partly bought in, 9s. per cwt. being refused. There was a very large assortment of new soft red Zanzibar aloes, which was nearly all bought in at nominal prices, ranging from 70s. to 6l. 5s., according to quality. A few cases, containing scarcely anything but water, sold at 10s. per cwt. East Indian Socotrines in skins are limited at 6l. 10s. for fair quality, rather weak flayoured.

AMBERGRIS.—Good quality remains very scarce. One tin of good flavour but dark colour sold at 80s., more ordinary at 68s., and common sticky stuff at 14s. per oz. Three tins from New Zealand, dark and pale mixed, presenting the appearance of spermaceti, were bought in at 40s. and 70s. per oz. nominally.

ANISE.—A fair trade is doing in Russian anise at the low quotations which have lately been current, viz., 18s. to 20s. for

medium to good, but more or less dusty, seed. *Italian* anise is still worth 40s. to 42s., and good *Spanish* (Alicante) 50s. per cwt.

ANNATTO.—Brazilian roll annatto, which is very neglected, was not offered to-day, but about 36 packages seed from C eylon were placed in sale, fair red selling cheaply at 1d. to $1\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb.

ARECA NUTS.—Nine bags very badly sea-damaged and half rotten were included in the auctions, but no offer could be obtained, although they were catalogued "without reserve," and they had to be withdrawn.

BALSAMS.—There appears to be a rather extensive stock of Copaila balsam in Hamburg, though mostly of the less desirable varieties; but holders are apparently rather firm, and not inclined to give way by any means. Copaila is still rather firmly held here, and 2s. 2d. per lb. is asked for good Maranham, but there do not appear to be any buyers at that figure. Peruvian neglected. One holder offered to-day at 4s. 1d. per lb., but found no purchasers. Others still buy in at 4s. 6d. per lb. nominally. Tolu dull, 1s. 3d. per lb. asked; perhaps somewhat less might buy.

BLEACHING-POWDER without demand, and rather lower in value. On the spot 8l. 10s. per ton is quoted, and 7l. 7s. 6d. to 7l. 10s. on the Tyne.

BUCHU remains exceptionally cheap. Six bales very yellow round leaves sold at 1d. to $1\frac{3}{4}d$. per lb. Other small lots, including some long leaves, were bought in.

CALUMBA.—The catalogues to-day comprised 440 bags, mostly of ordinary quality. Only about 40 bags sold, with some difficulty, at 14s. per cwt. for rather brown and dusty root; 18s, being refused for another lot of fairly good yellow mixed.

CAMPHOR.—Crude remains in the same position as last week, viz., 79s. per cwt. for Japan on the spot, but we hear of further business at the price of 70s. per cwt. c.i.f., July-Aug. shipment. A parcel of 65 cases, badly sea damaged China, newly imported, sold at 66s. per cwt., with fair competition. Refined unchanged.

CANTHARIDES.—Russian flies are somewhat pressed for sale, in anticipation of the coming crop. At to-day's auctions 4 cases, of fairly good quality, were bought in at 5s. per lb., an offer of 4s. 2d. being refused. Fair China cantharides sold cheaper, at 1s. 2d. per lb.; slightly mouldy, 1s. 1d.; broken and dust, 2d. per lb.

CARAWAY SEED.—The recent improvement which set in when it was rumoured that the new crop had suffered damage has not been maintained, and values are again lower, although it is still said that the coming Russian crop will be a very small one. But there are still large supplies of old caraway in stock and depressing the market. Dutch seed is held up to 26s. per cwt. for the best, good Russian 21s. to 22s. per cwt.

CARDAMOMS.—Of 109 cases offered at to-day's auctions the greater part was sold at full to slightly dearer prices for good qualities, but some medium lots sold cheaply enough. Mangalores, medium size, pale smooth well clipped, sold at 2s. 7d.; rather smaller, but good, at 2s. 2d. to 2s. 4d.; medium yellow at 2s.; small pale, 1s. 5d. per lb. Ceylon Malabar, medium pale plump, 1s. 2d.; brownish, 1s. 7d.; small palish, 1s. 2d. to 1s. 3d. per lb. Mysore, good medium to bold pale, 2s. 2d. to 2s. 4d.; long palish but specky and medium yellow, 1s. 9d.; medium to small pale, 1s. 6d. to 1s. 7d.; brownish specky and partly split to medium brownish, 1s. 3d. to 1s. 4d.; small dull split, 1s. Tellieherry, medium fair pale, 1s. 2d.; thin brown, 9d.; common and shell, 5d. to 9d. per lb. Ordinary mixed seed, 11d. to 1s. 4d. per lb.

CASCARA SAGRADA remains firmly held at 55s. per cwt. In New York the entire stock is held by one firm, and new bark cannot be expected before August or September.

CHAMOMILES without alteration in price or position since our last report.

CINCHONA.—The imports into France during the first five months of the year were: 1888, 311 tons; 1887, 355 tons; 1886, 415 tons; the exports: 1888, 62 tons; 1887, 54 tons; 1886, 95 tons; and the consumption: 1888, 166 tons; 1887,

248 tons; 1886, 241 tons. The Java shipments during the periods between July 1 and April 30 were as follows:—

Amsterdam lbs.	1887-8	1836-7 1885-6		1884-5	1883-4
Private	2,353,430	1,357.576	866 672	653,745	6162 02
Government	532,687	571.3±0	349,2 0 9	345,978	410,275
Total	2,886,107	1,928,896	1,215,881	999,723	1,026,477
English lbs	3,195,115	2,135,759	1,346,168	1,107,468	1,137,784

The following figures relate to the shipments of einchona from Ceylon during the periods of October 1 to May 31: 1887-8, 7,671,055 lbs.; 1886-7, 9,712,194 lbs. The rail receipts at Colombo from October 1, 1887, to May 13, 1888, were 3,034 tons against 4,211 tons during the same period last season. At to-day's auctions a quantity of rusty Guayaquil quill, partly damaged, sold at 8d. to 1s. 3d. per lb. Thirty bales ordinary Lima were bought in at 3d. per lb.

CIVET still scarce. One horn of pretty good quality was offered to-day; from 14s. to 14s. 9d. was bid for it, but the owners will not let it go under 16s. 6d. per oz.

COCAINE is rather weaker. For German brands in bulk the agents ask 21s. per oz.

COCA LEAVES.—A parcel of 45 bales which recently arrived was offered for sale to-day. It included some fairly good palish but small and broken leaves, but only one package common dark and damaged was sold at 3d. per lb.

Cocculus Indicus.—A parcel of 100 bags good bold fruit were bought in at 9s. per cwt.

COLOCYNTH.—No good Turkish or Spanish colocynth was offered at to-day's auctions, but only a parcel of 6 cases from Bussorah. Of these three cases small whole apples in shell and very seedy sold at 3d. per lb., while for three cases very seedy pulp $5\frac{1}{3}d$. per lb. is required.

COPPER (SULPHATE) easier and offering at 201. per ton.

CORIANDER SEED steady, up to 16s. per cwt. for fine quality.

CREAM OF TARTAR dull, and offering at lower values. Fine white firsts may be had at 119s. to 119s. 6d. per cwt., seconds at 115s. to 116s. per cwt.

CROTON SEED very low in price. Thirty-eight robbins ordinary Bombay sold at $8s.\ 6d.$ per cwt. For an ordinary lot, 7s. per cwt. was offered.

CUMIN SEED.—At to-day's auctions a parcel of 41 bales fair but slightly stony seed, imported via Lisbon, was bought in at 50s. per cwt. Common Malta sold at 40s. per cwt. Old Malta seed is not in much demand, but the new crop is attracting attention. Good to fine old seed may be had at 50s. to 52s. per cwt., East Indian at 37s. per cwt.

DRAGON'S BLOOD appears rather scarce. Of two cases fair coloured seedy lump one sold at 7l., the other was bought in at 7l. 10s. per cwt. Six cases rather dull finger in reed sold at 8l. to 8l. 2s. 6d. per cwt.; a high price, but this variety is very scarce just now. A case of common woody Socotrine siftings sold at 37s. 6d. per cwt.

ELATERIUM.—The recent improvement tempted holders to put up for auction to-day a further supply of 276 oz., but there did not seem to be any immediate demand for this, and the whole was withdrawn.

ERGOT OF RYE.—Privately more firmness has been shown, owing partly, it is said, to the improvement in the Russian Exchange, but at to-day's auctions a somewhat mixed assortment was offered and partly sold without any evidence of a better tone. For 20 cases slightly wormy Spanish 11d. per lb. was refused, one bag of another parcel selling "without reserve" at $11\frac{1}{2}d$. Other lots were bought in, Russian at 1s. 3d., sifted Spanish at 1s. 7d. per lb.

FENUGREEK SEED is still in rather small supply, and it is said that no fresh supplies are on the way at present. Fine Mogadore, 9s. per cwt.; Egyptian, 7s. per cwt.

GALLS.—At Tuesday's auctions 94 cases *China* were bought in at 60s. per cwt., and to-day 50 bags blue and green mixed *Turkey* at 61s., *Smyrna* at 55s. per cwt.

There are still about 25 tons of galls in stock in Smyrna, and holders would mostly be glad to sell; but there is said to be little disposition to operate, as the coming crop is generally supposed to promise a large yield, from 900 to 1,000 tons, of very good quality.

GAMBIER.—The demand continues, and further business took place at the end of last and the beginning of the present week at 24s. per cwt. for new block, landed weights, and since then the price has advanced to 24s. 6d. for new landed, which was paid in the middle of the week

GAMBOGE.—Holders do not seem inclined to accept the low offers made at the auctions, for they refused 9l. 7s. 6d. for two cases dull loose ricey pipe (for which 9l. 10s. is asked) and 10l. 12s. 6d. for part of 17 cases fair, slightly run pipe of good colour, which were bought in at 11l. 5s. per cwt.

GLYCERINE.—Some of the German agents still hold at their previous quotations, but others are intimating their willingness to accept lower rates, say perhaps 65*l.* per ton for double distilled, s.g. 1·260.

GOLDEN SEAL ROOT.—In America the price has suddenly given way, and certain New York firms are now quoting on the basis of 1s. 3d. per lb. c.i.f.

GUM AMMONIACUM.—One case fair, slightly blocky and dark seed sold at 17s., ordinary blocky at 11s. per cwt.

GUM ARABIC.—Last week's auctions were completed on the Friday, but very little interest was shown for the parcels offered, and only a small proportion sold at 94s, to 99s, per cwt. for very good soft ambery Amrad; 80s, for fair Tripoli Amrad; and 90s, for rather ordinary and dark mixed Aden sorts, strongly olibanum-scented. Ordinary to good palish Ghatty realised from 42s, 6d, to 57s, 6d, per ewt. Turkey gums remain very high priced, and show a tendency towards still higher values. At to-day's auctions three cases small picked grain, rather yellow in colour, sold without reserve at 14l, 10s, while 16l, was refused for a good pale lot. Another parcel of five eases pale Trieste picked sold at 15l, to 15l, 10s, per cwt.

GUM BENJAMIN.—The arrivals still continue, 86 cases having come to hand, per Loju, from Singapore since last week. The quantity offered to-day was too small to afford any criterion, but prices remained fairly steady; Sumatra, fair palish almondy seconds, at 7l. 12s. 6d. to 7l. 15s.; Penang seconds, about one quarter false packed, the rest fairly almondy, at 6l. 10s.; fair Palembang seconds, 75s. per cwt.

GUM ELEMI.—Nine bales of a black resin sold under this name without reserve at 3s. per cwt.

GUM EUPHORBIUM.—Only a few unimportant lots were offered, of which one package dark damaged rubbish sold at 5s. per cwt., while fair brown drop, rather dusty, was bought in at 40s. per cwt.

GUM MASTIC.—The Smyrna market is quiet, and it is yet too early to form an opinion of the coming crop; but if the weather remains dry until the middle of August the yield will probably be a fair average one.

GUM MYRRH.—Several parcels were offered to-day, but very little inclination to purchase is shown, although prices remain unaltered. Five bales good pale Aden sorts sold at 95s.; 85s. was refused for dark Bombay ditto, and 9l. 10s. is asked for good London picked myrrh.

GUM TRAGACANTH.—It is said that the crop of tragaeanth in Asia Minor will only be two-thirds of last year's, and of inferior quality—viz., rather more earthy—on account of the damage caused by rain. The total crop is estimated at about 650,000 lbs. Holders in Smyrna are firmer, fine white qualities being expected to go dearer.

Honey.—Chilian honey still continues to arrive in quantity, 629 barrels having been received at Liverpool this week from Valparaiso per John Elder. The new crop of Californian honey is now commencing to arrive on the San Francisco market, and is (as usual) said not to be a large one. At to-day's auctions a fairly large quantity of Jamaica honey was offered and sold at 24s. to 25s. for fair brown liquid, down to 18s. for dark, and 5s. per ewt. for one cask "impregnated with paraffin." Twenty-two cases "orange

blossom" brand of nondescript honey sold to-day at 22s. 6d. per cwt. Twenty kegs fine white candied New Zealand honey were bought in at 45s. per cwt., but less would probably be taken.

INSECT FLOWERS.—There is no change in the position since last week.

IODINE quiet.—Crude, at 9d. per oz.; Resublimed, 13s. 6d. per lb.; Iodide of potassium 11s. per lb.

IPECACUANHA.—Nineteen bales offered to-day sold at an advance of 3d. to 4d. per lb., with good competition. Good sound brown annulated root 6s. to 6s. 1d.; slightly damaged, 5s. 9d. to 6s. 1d.; seeond class damaged and partly mouldy, 5s. 11d. to 6s. 1d. per lb. We hear that two further consignments are expected viâ Antwerp.

KAMALA.—Two cases, not of very good quality, were shown to-day. The price is said to be 6d. per lb.

LINSEED.—A few small lots of fine *Dutch* seed are still obtainable at 44s, per 424 lbs., but otherwise this variety is extremely scarce. *Hungarian* linseed is quoted at 42s., *Canadian* at 43s. to 44s., *Russian* at 37s., and *East Indian* at 37s. to 38s. per 416 lbs.

LYCOPODIUM.—For this article, of which the stock is now very much reduced, the prices have again been advanced, 1s. 6d. per lb. being the nearest quotations.

MORPHIA.—The makers have been underbidding one another, and prices early this week fell to 3s. $1\frac{1}{2}d$. for large quantities of hydrochlorate, July delivery. But since then a little more has been asked, viz. 3s. 3d. to 3s. 6d., according to quantity.

Musk —To-day's supply was a fairly large one, and prices, in accordance with general anticipation, again showed a slight decline, viz., from 1s. to 1s. 6d. on Tonquin first pile, which sold as follows: Six caddies fine medium to bold pods (no small ones) well trimmed, with blue skin and underskin, and good yielding, at 80s. per oz.; one caddy ditto, but not so dry, and including some small pods at 80s. (five others are held at 79s. per oz) Third pile, two tins of very good appearance, partly spurious, but well trimmed at 54s. 6d. to 55s. (a high price); common damp untrimmed black, 19s. 6d. to 20s. 6d. Fair dry but skinny Yunan pods are held at 42s. per oz. Empty Cabardine pods sold at 1s. 7d., and trimmings at 6d. per oz. A few packages grain musk were also sold, common at 27s. 6d. per oz.

MUSTARD SEED is cheap, but the demand is rather slack. English seed sells at 9s., and Foreign at 7s. per bushel. Brown mustard seed may be had at 9s. to 12s. for English, and 5s. to 6s for East Indian (Bombay).

NUX VOMICA sold rather cheaper to-day, but the appearance of the lots offered was not particularly fine. Thirty five bags fairly pale silky Bombay brought 11s. per cwt., 78 pockets dark mixed and partly damaged. Cochin 7s. 6d. to 8s., and 124 bags partly dark seeds from Ccylon; sound, 10s. 6d.; damaged, 7s. 6d. to 9s. 6d. per cwt.

OIL (CASTOR).—Good white *Italian* is held steadily at 4d. to $4\frac{1}{4}d$. per lb., and mixed pale and yellow *Coconada* at $2\frac{\pi}{16}d$. to $2\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb.

OIL (COD LIVER).—Business has been practically at a standstill since our last report.

OIL (OLIVE).—Business in olive oil, both in London and Liverpool, is of an extremely restricted character, and what little trade is doing takes place mainly in low-priced varieties. Mogadore oil may be quoted at 32l. 10s. to 32l, according to quality, Messina at 33l. 10s., and Spanish, nominally, at 37l. In reports from Italy the fear is still expressed that the drought which has lately prevailed in some of the principal growing districts will damage the crop and the tendency of the Naples market therefore is rather firmer. In Sicily the crop prospects are said to be satisfactory, but prices are firm, partly on account of the improvement in the English freight quotations. As regards Spain we hear that in Seville prices have fallen 5l. per ton, which decline has prevented the importation of Italian oil into that market. The previous inflation of prices is attributed to reckless speculation there, which has now coilapsed in the face of very favourable prospects for the new olive crop. In the Malaga district the growing crop

also promises a heavy yield should all go well. Prices in Spain, however, remain too high for export business to Northern markets. There is no news about the new crop in Morocco, and in that quarter there is but little oil available for export. In Tunis prices are much too high to admit of export to the United Kingdom, and rain is urgently required to save the growing crop. The prospects of the crop in the Ionian Islands and Candia are very favourable.

OILS (ESSENTIAL).—It is reported that 6s. 5d. per 1b. has been paid for Star anise on the spot, which would show a further improvement, and it is added that holders now require 6s. 6d. per lb. Cassic is becoming very scarce in France. Cassia neglected. Holders still quote 2s. 11d. per lb. but would probably be willing to sell a shade under that figure. Citronella neglected at $\frac{7}{8}d$. to $\frac{15}{16}d$. per oz. nominally. At to-day's auctions 17 cases (of 36 bottles) Winter's brand were offered, and an offer of 1d. per oz. was solicited for these. They were bought in at $1\frac{1}{2}d$. per oz. Cinnamon quiet and without much demand. To-day only 2 cases were shown and bought in. Cinnamon leaf quite neglected at $1\frac{1}{2}d$. per oz. Geranium oil: African firm and in good request. The prospects of the French crop, which will be gathered in September and October, are very unfavourable thus far. Lavender very firm for French oil, and little offering. Lemon and Bergamot quiet, with a rather heavy stock and little inquiry. Lemongrass quiet at $1\frac{9}{8}d$. for native brands. Eleven cases West Indian oil of Limes were bought in to-day at 2s. 10d. to 3s. 6d. Menthol, quiet and without much demand. At auction 17 cases and 20 tins were bought in nominally at 6s. per lb. Four cases Patchouly were bought in at 2s. per oz. Peppermint, American H.G.H., is still tending higher. It is now generally affirmed that the coming crop will be a small one, while stocks are said to be light everywhere; 12s. 6d. per lb. is quoted by some holders, others even ask 13s. per lb. Of Spearmint 7 cases were offered for sale to-day—5 HG.H, which were bought in at 15s. per lb., and 2 of the D & O brand, for which 10s. per lb. was refused, and which were bought in at 14s. per lb. Spike oil is expected to rule at rather higher prices this year, but the crop will not be distilled until September, and nothing is therefore known for certain at present. *Thyme*.—This season's crop has scarcely been a moderate one, and there is little left from last year's distillation. Eleven 1-lb bottles I lang-ylang, fair quality (A.J.S.), sold to day without reserve at 4s. 6d. to 4s. 7d. per oz.

OILS (PERFUMERS').—Two cases olive oil (violet scented) and two ditto (cassia-scented) were bought in to-day at 3s. 6d. per lb. No bid was made for them.

OPIUM.—Reports from Smyrna continue to speak very favourably of the crop which is now being gathered. The rain in the glowing districts, though it has retarded harvesting for a few days, has not caused any damage worth mentioning to the plants, and a yield of 8,000 baskets for Asia Minor is now considered the minimum which may be expected, estimates ranging between that quantity and 12,000 baskets. Harvesting commenced in the Salonica district under favourable auspices during the second week in June. The arrivals at Smyrna up to June 15 were 40 baskets, against five at the corresponding date of 1887.

QUICKSILVER—The week has passed quietly but steadily, the principal importers maintaining their quotation of 8l., while second-hand holders offer as low as 7l. 13s. to 7l. 14s.

QUININE.—On Friday last a rather considerable business was reported in the two German brands which, temporarily at any rate, lead the market, 25,000 cz. B. δ S. bulk being said to have been sold for September delivery at 1s. $3\frac{1}{2}d$. per oz., and 10,000 oz. Brunswick bulk, also for delivery, at the same price. During the present week further business has been done at these prices, but the B. δ S agents are not quoting now. We have heard it stated that 1s 3d. had been accepted to-day, but this report lacks confirmation, and we believe there are still buyers at 1s. $3\frac{1}{2}d$. per oz.

RHUBARB.—A rather large quantity, viz. 170 cases, was offered for sale to-day, and a good proportion of it sold at rather lower prices. Shensi root, flat, small to medium fair, partly pinky fracture, sold at 1s. 10d. to 2s.; small druggists' root, 1s. 6d. to 1s. 7d.; flat, medium to bold, fairly good bright fracture, 1s. 9d.; bold, round fair coated, half spongy

and balf grey fracture, 1s. 4d.; flat ditto, 1s. 2d.; mixed sizes, horny, partly dark fracture, 8d.; fair flat pickings, 7d.; common small black pickings, 4d. to 6½d. per lb. Canton, medium to bold, round, fair bright coat, half pink fracture, 1s. 7d.; Iligh dried, dull coated, mixed sizes, fair fracture, 1s. per lb.; black wormy rubbish, 3½d. per lb.

SACCHARIN.—The agents for the saccharin manufacturers inform us that they have reduced their quotations as follows:
—Pure saccharin to 46s. per lb., soluble ditto to 44s. per lb.

SARSAPARILLA.—Seventeen bales Lima Jamaiea sold at 1s. 4d. for sound, and 1s. 2d. to 1s. 3d. for damages. For 20 bales Honduras (J. L. Truxillo) 10½d. was refused, while 10 bales chumpy Guayaquil, partly damaged, sold at 10d. to 11d. Six bales Native Jamaiea were withdrawn.

SCAMMONY.—In Smyrna the market is exceptionally firm, and the stock has been reduced to a minimum, while the coming crop is not expected to yield more than half of an average quantity.

SENEGA.—An American report states that last year at this time the new crop of root was arriving freely, and sales were then made at 1s. 4d. to 1s. 5d. per lb., but this season all crops in the Western States are so backward that nothing is expected to arrive before the middle of July.

SENNA.—Altogether 239 bales *Tinnevelly* were offered. It was a sorry collection, mostly second-hand stuff, and, with the exception of one or two lots of good to fair green leaves, for which $6\frac{1}{4}d$. and $3\frac{3}{4}d$. respectively were paid, everything sold under $2\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb., mostly between $\frac{1}{2}d$. and $1\frac{1}{2}d$., these being comparatively high prices.

SHELLAC.—A rather brisk business has taken place privately since our last report, and sales are said to have been made at 34s. to 35s. per cwt. for blocky to good free A. C. garnet on the spot; 58s. to 60s. for first, and 42s. for third button, spot. At the weekly auctions very little was offered; good reddish second orange realised 43s. 6d.; garnet A.C., unworked, 35s. 6d.; and button, first, 60s.; good second, 54s.; ordinary third, 43s. 6d. to 44s. per cwt. Since then standard second orange (TN), July-September shipment, has been sold at 43s. c.i.f. terms.

STROPHANTHUS.—Four bags seed were bought in at 8s. per lb. An offer of 4s. 6d. was refused, 5s. being named as the price.

TAMARINDS.—At the spice auctions 124 packages West Indian tamarinds were all disposed of at 28s. for fair bright Barbadoes; 23s. to 24s. 6d. for medium to ordinary, and 18s. for common dark St. Kitts. To-day 25 casks fair soft Calcutta brought 20s. per cwt.

TEA .- China. The Moyune, with new season's Moning (some 3,200,000 lbs.), arrived in dock about noon on Monday, and a hungry crowd of samplers were very soon at work on sample packages. The first samples were on the market about 1.30 P.M., and a fairly large business for the afternoon was done, and public sales were held at 3.30 P.M., 4 P.M., and 5 P.M. Prices in public sale ranged from 8d. to $8\frac{1}{4}d$. up to 1s. $4\frac{1}{2}d$. for a small parcel of fairly fine and useful tea. private contract, however, sales were effected up to as high as 2s. 2d. for a really fine tea, standing away, certainly, from others, but a very stiff price for the tea compared with Indian and Ceylon sorts. Taking the crop generally, as far as can be judged from the first ship, the Oonfaas bid fair to be a very good crop, the leaf being good and the liquor heavy, though generally more or less tarry. Ningchous are rather poor and light in liquor, but, in common with all other sorts, are very good in leaf; while of Keemuns and Kintucks, while there are a few useful fine teas, there are not many serviceable teas from 1s. to 1s. 6d. The average, however, is undoubtedly better than last year, and there are no teas so common as some in the first cargo of 1887. It is said that the Glengyle brings more really fine tea than the Moyune, and we advise caution in buying these higher grades. Assam.—New Indian growths are fairly freely offered this week, and Pekoe Souchongs from 7d. to 8d. show fair value; while Pekoes—good leaf teas-to be had between 8d. and 9d., are undoubtedly cheap, though there will be no dearth of these grades. Ceylons are less freely offered, and are unaltered at previous quotations.

Vanilla.—A large quantity, mostly of inferior quality, was offered to-day, and sold very cheaply. It included a large proportion of salvage, badly sea-damaged beans, swollen and without flavour (they have been under water about six weeks), which sold at 2s.3d. to 5s.6d. per lb. Other lots sold as follows:—Common dry, foxy, and brownish, 2s.6d. to 5s. ord., 5s. 6d. to 10s. 6d.; long, 12s. to 14s.; chocolate, bad flavour, 4s. 6d. to 9s. 6d.; dark chocolate, $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 in., 6s. 6d. to 10s. 6d.; rough ditto, brownish, $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$, 9s. to 9s. 6d.; good crystallised ditto, $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$, 8s. to 10s. 6d.

WAX (BEES').—There is still a fair demand for *Jamaica* wax at about previous prices: 6*l*. 5*s*. for good even orange; 6*l*. for somewhat darker ditto: 5*l*. 7*s*. 6*d*. to 5*l*. 10*d*. for grey to chocolate mixed.

WAX (JAPAN).—There has been more demand for this article, and prices have advanced. At auction 55 cases, partly good whitish squares, partly soft and slightly yellow, were bought in at 48s. 6d. to 50s. per cwt.; 47s. 6d. being the nearest value.

CHEMICALS IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND.

OUR market still suffers from a want of life and activity. Hesitation caused by the peculiar position of the proposed new American tariff, and weakness created by the heavy stocks offering, combine to form a very dull and depressed condition, a condition which can only be ameliorated by an improved demand or reduced production, and neither of these phases is very clear at the moment.

ACIDS.—After a somewhat easier tone, Tartaric is firmer, and orders are coming in more freely at 1s, $5\frac{a}{4}d$, per lb.; the same remark applies to Citric, which is firm at 1s, $7\frac{1}{4}d$, to 1s, $7\frac{1}{2}d$, per lb., and a continuance of the hot weather which has lately set in would probably cause an advance in both articles. Oxalic has been in better demand at 3d., and there are signs which indicate that an early improvement is probable. Boracic is still neglected, and prices continue to drop in the absence of orders—closing values are about 24s, 6d, to 25s, per cwt.

ALUM continues in very steady request, and a large business is only limited by the high rates of freights ruling to the East and West as compared with this period last year. Quotations range from 4l. 15s. to 4l. 17s. 6d. per ton, according to packages. Sulphate of alumina has also been in fair demand at 5l. to 5l. 10s. per ton, and Aluminoferric has been moving off freely for paper-making, and also for sewage and purifying purposes at 3l. 2s. 6d. per ton.

AMMONIA SALTS—During the last fortnight there has been less export inquiry for Sal ammoniac, which, however, is very firm at 34s for first and 32s. per cwt. for second quality. Muriate somewhat more active both for home and export at 23l. to 30l. per ton, according to quality, and Carbonate in improved request at 3d. per lb. Sulphate has been dull and easier for some time past, and closes with a weak tone at 11l. 11s 3d. to 11l. 12s. 6d. per ton.

BLEACHING POWDER has not recovered the late decline, the supplies being in excess of the demand, and the absence of orders for sanitary purposes (London taking several thousand tons last year, but none this) causes a weak market, and an accumulation of stocks. Selling prices have been 7l. 2s. 6d. on rails, and 7l. 5s. to 7l. 7s. 6d. per ton, f.o.b.

BORAX has been in less inquiry for export, but is steady at 30l. for Crystals and 31l per ton for Powdered. Californian is scarce, and 30s. 6d. per cwt. is asked. Somewhat lower quotations, however, come from San Francisco, and an effort is being made to keep up prices in New York and to supply our market at easier rates.

POTASH.—Prussiate is lower in consequence of the rupture of the agreement between the English and Foreign makers, and the market is very dull at $6\frac{5}{8}d$. to $6\frac{5}{8}d$. per 1b. Bichromate is selling fairly at $4\frac{1}{2}d$. per 1b., and Chlorate has been in better demand at $5\frac{4}{8}d$, which appears to be the lowest point the market is likely to touch.

SODA SALTS.—Ash has been in demand for shipment at 1d. to $1\frac{1}{16}d$. per degree Causti; soda has been somewhat more inquired for for Russia, but values have not improved.

Cream and 60 per cent. White may be quoted at 5l. 13s. 9d., and 70 per cent. at 6l. 12s. 6d. per ton. Soda crystals are actively inquired for at 50s., and a falling off in production, caused by the higher temperature, may result in higher prices. Bicarbonate is offering freely at 4l. 12s. 6d. per ton, and Salteake is firm at 21s. 6d. per ton.

MILK AND MICRO-ORGANISMS.

In a paper recently communicated to the Chemical Society, Mr. R. Warington, F.R.S., of Rothamsted, states that the curdling of milk by micro-organisms is effected either by the production of lactic acid, or apparently by the formation of a rennet-like ferment. The amount of lactic acid required to curdle milk depends on the temperature, the amount being smaller the higher the temperature. Among the organisms examined five distinctly acidified milk, but in very different degrees. Staphylococcus candidus produces too little acid to cause curdling, even when the milk, after acidification, is placed in boiling water. The bacillus of infantile diarrhoa and Bacterium termo produce a greater acidity, curdling milk speedily at 32°, but fail entirely to curdle it at 22°. Micrococcus gelatinosus curdles milk speedily at 22°, and even at 10° after many days. The two organisms, B. fluorescens liquescens and Koch's cholera spirillum, curdle milk readily at 22° without producing any appreciable acidity; the latter organism will, indeed, curdle milk made alkaline with sodium carbonate without destroying the alka. linity. We have here, apparently, a typical case of curdling by means of a ferment. Two of the acidifying organisms which curdle milk, M. gelatinosus and M. urea, act apparently in part by means of a ferment, as the acidity produced by them when the milk is curdled is quite insufficient in itself to effect curdling at the temperature of the experiment. Soil from an arable field readily curdles milk, even at 10°, but without producing at the time an appreciable acidity; it acts plainly by a ferment. During the action of soil on milk much gas is evolved, even at 10°. No gas was observed during the action of any of the organisms examined, save in an experiment with the bacillus of infantile diarrhœa at 37°

Five organisms, B. subtilis, B. anthracis, B. floccus, B. toruliformis, and Finkler's comma, are active peptonisers. The milk, after a few days at 22°, becomes clear immediately beneath the surface, and this clear space slowly extends till the whole of the milk has lost its opacity. On moving the tube after the action has begun, it is found that the opaque portion is more or less gelatinised. The clearing of the milk is due to the gradual dissolution of the jelly. The clear fluid is rich in peptone. It has been supposed that the liquefaction of gelatine by bacteria is due to the production of a ferment. The whole of the liquefying bacteria experimented on show evidence of the formation of ferments when grown in milk. The organisms which simply acidify do not liquefy. Soil peptonises after curdling, the curd first formed slowly redissolving. A small class of organisms, B. fluorescens non liquescens and the bacillus of septicæmia (mouse and guinea pig), render milk after a time decidedly alkaline, and the milk from this cause loses much of its opacity, but no other change is produced. Several organisms grow freely in milk without altering its appearance or its reaction to litmus-Cultivation in milk is an excellent method of dispaper. tinguishing micro-organisms, the possible results being very varied, especially when the effect of temperature is observed.

Tasteless Extract of Cascara Sagrada.—At a recent meeting of the Philadelphia Pharmaceutical Association, Mr. England called attention to the tasteless extract of cascara sagrada, made by treating the drug with magnesium carbonate before percolation. He stated that he had made experiments in the same direction, modifying the taste by means of alkalies, and found it made a very much handsomer syrup, that could be mixed with aqueous menstrua without precipitation, and withal was quite a beautiful preparation. But this fluid extract administered in four times the usual dose of a fluid extract made without the use of alkalies was found to be inert. He thought that the value of cascara sagrada depended upon an acid principle that promoted the peristaltic movement of the bowels, and thus was efficient as a cathartic.—Amer. Journ. Phar.



Memoranda for Correspondents.

Always send your proper name and address: we do not publish them unless you wish.

Write on one side of the paper only; write early; and devote a separate sheet of paper to each query if you ask more than one, or if you are writing about other matters at the same time,

If you send us newspapers, please mark what you wish us to read. Ask us anything of pharmaceutical interest: we shall do our best to reply. Before writing for formulæ consult the last volume, if you have it.

Letters, queries, &c., not noticed in this issue will, if possible, be attended to next week.

Conservatism in Pharmacy.

SIR,—At a busy little town not a hundred miles from London, I came this week across the enclosed "Inch of pills," which I have much pleasure in forwarding for your inspection as an instance of antediluvianism, stagnation, or possibly the above heading may better describe it. I may say that these pills are to be purchased at 1d. per inch; they are then cut up with a knife into six or eight portions, according to the strength required, rolled up round by the purchaser in the palms of his hands, and swallowed.

I remain, sir, yours truly, June 22. W. H. H. (78/39.)

[The pennyworth which our correspondent sends us is a flat piece of pill-mass, 1 inch long and $\frac{1}{3}$ inch wide, wrapped in tin-foil.]

Washing Corks.

SIR,—A wave of horror must have passed over the trade on reading the letter of "Economist." Next to the washing up of hospital sponges for sale by the Hebrews, the idea of washing corks for further use is repulsive. Much better keep them for hair and machine oil, ink, &c. My own plan is to sell them cheap to boys in the pop-gun season; I cannot imagine any better fate for such things. An occasional shilling earned by such economy as washing corks will be risked over and over again by the accidental misuse of one strongly-flavoured cork.

Yours truly, HEDER. (80/3.)

Seasonable Articles.

SIR,—There has been a great outcry of late years about the damage done to the businesses of the chemists and druggists of this country by the advent of the "Stores," and no doubt there is good reason for the complaint; but I am sometimes inclined to think that the steady-going chemist and druggist may lose some little of the grist that would otherwise come to his mill by not sufficiently laying himself out to meet current public requirements; and, on the other hand, the "Stores" are very wide awake on these points, and have a very keen eye to present and future requirements witness the enclosed circular, headed "Summer Drinks," and offering the various kinds of these beverages at a very low figure, concluding with an offer of English hops at $4\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb., and a few simple instructions for making hop beera tempting bait, which will no doubt catch many a frugal housewife. Could not more of our chemists and druggists work on these lines, and be ever ready to anticipate public wants, and in many cases really create a demand for seasonable articles? The hops offered at $4\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb. are displayed in bulky packages in the windows, and no doubt are sold very largely. Hull, June 25. Faithfully yours,

Soda Carb. (79/64.)

[The circular sent is one issued by a limited supply association in Yorkshire, and quotes for a number of summer drinks, among which are: Lime juice, $8\frac{1}{2}d$. per bottle; lime juice cordial, 8d.; lemon juice, $7\frac{1}{2}d$.; lemon kali, $5\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb.; best citrate magnesia, 10d., &c.; also English hops, $4\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb. The formula to make hop beer which is given is as follows:—Water, $3\frac{1}{2}$ gallons; hops, 2 oz.; whole ginger, well bruised, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.; raw sugar, 3 lbs.; lemons, 2. Boil the hops and ginger four hours, strain over the sugar and sliced lemons, and when nearly cold mix with one pennyworth of yeast, and bottle when cold.]

Sale of Oxalic Acid.

SIR,-I beg to draw your attention to the oxalic acid case at the Dalston Police Court. What was Mr. Rogers's object in entering the sale in his book? Has a magistrate the power to practically shut up your shop for two or three hours (at any rate that would be my case if ordered to attend with my books) when the Pharmacy Act, 1868, distinctly enacts that oxalic acid is in part 2? Having complied with the law, there is an end to it, I should think; but the magistrate thinks otherwise, for he is satisfied, it seems, with the explanations.

L. D. (80,18.)

Syrup of Iodide of Iron.

SIR,—I had occasion the other day to make this syrup using English or imported loaf sugar, and got quite a different result to what I had when made previously. In the latter case the syrup was quite a dirty brown colour, and in order to get rid of the colour I boiled it for the space of ten minutes, when very much to my surprise the colour was quite discharged, and a clear syrup with a slight greenish tinge was the result. Was I justified in boiling? When I use Australian-made cane-sugar I get a fine clear syrup. Is the difference due to the source of the sugar? Yours truly,

JACOBUS. (241/2.) Maryport, Queensland, May 8.

[Most loaf sugar contains a proportion of beet sugar or may be entirely derived from the beet. This sugar contains a little alkali, which throws out ferrous carbonate, as observed in the foregoing case. It may be remedied by boiling as "Jacobus" did, or prevented by acidifying the syrup with citric acid. It is interesting to note that Australian-made sugar appears to be free from beet.-ED.]

Military Compounders of Medicines.

SIR,—As a subscriber to your valuable paper I was surprised and annoyed at the answer given to "Mites" (70/24) in last week's number. I am a qualified compounder of medicines and a sergeant in the "Medical Staff Corps" (no such corps as the Army Hospital Corps in the army). The conditions on which we enlist are similar as you say to the common soldier, viz., twelve years with the colours, six years active, and six years in the reserve. The inducements offered are by passing a severe examination comprising:-

(1) Latin names and words used in prescriptions.

(2) Pharmacy: thorough knowledge of the various articles of materia medica and preparations in the British Pharmacopœia.

(3) Drugs and pharmaceutical remedies, appearances, taste, and odour.

(4) Poisons: names, doses, and antidotes.(5) Practical dispensing: the examining board consists of three army medical officers and lasts three days.

If you are successful in passing this examination, you are promoted, not unless; past service is not taken into consideration at all, and no transfer of sergeants from line regiments would be allowed.

The pay of a sergeant compounder of medicines is 11.10s. a week, food (meat and bread), lodging, clothing, fuel, and light all free, which I consider is equal to another 30s. a week -total 3l. a week-which is not paid by civilians to all intelgent and well-doing chemists' assistants.

Yours respectfully, MILITARY COMPOUNDER OF MEDICINES. (80/65.)

Chemists and the Medical Profession.

SIR,—It has long been my opinion—and up to the present time every medical practitioner to whom I have spoken on the subject acquiesces in that opinion—that there should be greater facilities for chemists to enter the profession of medicine.

Without wishing in any way to disparage the doctors, few even of those gentlemen themselves will disagree with me when I assert that chemists of the present day have a more perfect knowledge of chemistry, materia medica, pharmacy, &c., than the majority of general practitioners.

It necessarily follows that chemists are pre-eminently adapted for the profession; but when one of the body wishes to understand the structure and functions of the tissues and organs to which his drugs find their way, and to study the various diseases for which these drugs are

prescribed, what is before him?

He has, first of all, to go back to his school books in order to read for a portion of another preliminary examination, after having already gone through that of the Pharmaceutical Society. Then he has to enter a hospital on the same footing as a newly-registered student who knows

nothing whatever about medicine.

Of course, in respect of subjects such as anatomy, physiology, surgery, pathology, &c., the two are on an equal footing; but what I wish to state—and I challenge anyone to prove that the statement is an unreasonable one—is this, that a chemist's final should be accepted by examining boards in lieu of the few extra subjects required at the various registration examinations. This, I think, is the very least that should be conceded, and I am not without hope that the concession may be brought about through the medium of your valuable paper.

I am, sir, yours faithfully, J. C. HERON.

10 Hatton Garden, Holborn, E.C., June 26.

Our correspondent rather exaggerates the difficulties which chemists and druggists have to surmount preliminary to entering the medical profession. The General Medical Council accepts, pro tanto, the Pharmaceutical Preliminary examination in lieu of the corresponding subjects of the Medical Preliminary, and evidence of having passed the Minor examination exempts the applicant from the optional subjects (which include elementary chemistry and botany), one of which only is required. The remaining subjects are algebra, including simple equations; geometry, including the first book of Euclid, with easy questions on the subject matter of the same; and elementary mechanics of solids and fluids, comprising the elements of statics, dynamics, and hydrostatics. If the applicant cannot produce evidence that he is proficient in these subjects, it would be unreasonable for him, be he a chemist and druggist or not, to expect to be excused. Chemistry and pharmacy are the only subjects of the Medical Curriculum in which the chemist and druggist has passed an examination; the certificate exempts him from pharmacy, and it might also exempt him from chemistry if it showed that the applicant had passed the course of training which the General Medical Council requires. The materia medica and therapeutics of the medical examinations are generally taken together, therapeutics being the major portion. These matters were fully explained in The Chemist and Druggist of February 25 and subsequent issues. Our correspondent's hope that the concession may be brought about through the medium of this journal has indeed been fulfilled.]

A Disease of Sheep.

Constant Reader (46/77) asks for information as to the causes and best mode of treatment for a disease in sheep rather prevalent in his district (eastern counties). His customer says he gets no beneficial help from the veterinary professors. He has recently lost several sheep, as have other farmers in the neighbourhood. When first attacked, the sheep appears a little stiff. On closer examination it is found that on one side only the bag is slightly black and hard; the stiffness increases until the sheep is unable to walk, and in forty-eight hours it is dead.

[This query shows us the presence of a disease in England which we had hoped did not now exist, and for which any

kind of treatment is very difficult. In the Swiss valleys a vast number of sheep are lost from this cause. It is in the first instance inflammation of the mammary gland, but takes on a malignant form, and blood poisoning follows.

Sheep are at all times very bad subjects for blood letting or wounds, but a very careful excision of the blackened portion of the udder sometimes succeeds if done early and dressed with antiseptics, such as acid carbol. 1 part, ol. olive 20 parts. Searing through with a red hot iron, and separating through the line of demarcation which the disease has already drawn, is the safest, and perhaps not more painful plan (as the blackened part is already insensible). The diseased part should be instantly separated from the healthy, as there is no doubt of it being infectious. Any suspected cases should have the bag dressed with a weak carbolic oil, say 1 in 40 (removing the lamb, of course, to another ewe), and hand-milked by the shepherd as often as possible. A dose of

 Mag. sulph.
 \$ij.

 Pot. nit.
 3ij.

 Tinct. aconit.
 \$m\$ iij.

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Given in gruel or small beer, and after the aperient has acted 1-drachm doses of quinine three days in succession should be given. This treatment appears to have saved many, but as "prevention is better than cure," we should particularly advise the early segregation of those sheep who lop their ears and stand apart, as well as the removal of all the others to a new pasture at whatever inconvenience to the owner.]

The Syphon Trade.

S1R,—We thank you for your kindly expressed leaderette with reference to the syphon trade and the case of Idris v. Ward, reported in your last week's issue, and shall be glad if you will allow us to point out that, in addition to the remedy against the loss of these expensive vessels pointed out by you (i.e., greater strictness in keeping accounts), another effectual remedy would be to stop the purchase of them from marine store dealers and others by chemists who are our customers. If the few of the retailers did not connive at this robbery of their fellow-tradesmen by purchasing from questionable sources, there would be no temptation to deal in them. We have abundant evidence of the illegitimate way in which syphons usually come into the possession of these dealers, and we have always succeeded when we have charged men with unlawful possession of syphons in policecourts. In almost every case where the syphons have been offered to our customers, and have been detained in order to make inquiries as to how they came into the possession of the persons presenting them, the bottle-dealer has disappeared leaving the syphons behind. We would suggest that if every chemist who is offered such syphons is determined to ascertain whether the person offering them has a legitimate right to sell them, the losses of our customers would be reduced to very small proportions. We shall always be glad to give every legal and other assistance in such cases. The losses of many of our customers have been so great from the depredations of servants, bottle-dealers, and others that we have determined in their interests to have a definite statement of the law in the present circumstances, and have, therefore, given notice of appeal in the case of Idris v. Ward, and will, if necessary, carry it to the House of Lords.

We are advised by able counsel that we are almost certain to succeed; but should we be unsuccessful we shall be able to protect ourselves and our customers from dishonest dealers by notices on our invoices (amounting to a contract) to the effect that the property in our trade-marked syphons is not transferred, but that the syphons are loaned, subject to deposits paid on them.

Yours truly,

IDRIS & CO.

Ascham Street, Kentish Town, N.W., June 28.

MESSRS. LONGMANS, GREEN & Co., of Paternoster Row, are the publishers of Mr. Robert Galloway's work, "The Fundamental Principles of Chemistry Practically Taught by a New Method," which we reviewed last week.

DISPENSING NOTES.

The opinions of practical readers are invited on subjects discussed under this heading.

Dispensers who have compounded any of the following prescriptions, or similar ones, are requested to communicate their results to the Editor.

Emulsion or Mixture?

SIR,—This combination is a very good illustration of the prescriptions of certain medicals who make a point of throwing a lot of mud in the hope that some will stick. It is both chemically and pharmaceutically incompatible. The hydrobromic acld throws out the salicylic from the soda salt, and the salicylic combines with the quinine, forming a sticky mass, if care be not taken in compounding. Allow me to suggest to "Benjamin" the following method, which I find makes a presentable mixture:—

Emulsify in a mortar the tincture with \(\frac{7}{5}\)ss. mucilage of acacia diluted with a little water; to this add the quinine previously dissolved in the hydrobromic acid and \(\frac{7}{5}\)ss. water. Dissolve the sodium salicylate and ammonium chloride in the remainder of the water, and add this solution to the emulsion little by little and stirring constantly. Great care is required in mixing, or salicylate of quinine will separate in sticky

lumps.

M.

At first I tried 3ij. mucilage only, but the result was not nearly so satisfactory as the above.

WILKAN.

SIR,—I have dispensed the quinine and extract of cannabis

mixture in the following manner:-

I shook the quinine up first with water, then added the hydrobromic acid. The sodium salicylate was put into a mortar, rubbed down till dissolved, then the acid solution of quinine added to it. The ammonium chloride was dissolved in water, and this added to the mixture. Finally, the tincture was mixed with 5ss. pulv. tragacanth. co., this added to the mixture, and the whole made up to 8 oz.

Cantharticus. (79/36.)

SIR,—I believe the prescription may be dispensed easily by this method:—Rub up the quinine and salicylate with 30 grains of pu. trag. co., 1 oz. of water, and $\frac{1}{2}$ a drachm of the acid. Add the tincture and make an emulsion. Mix the rest of the acid and the ammonium chloride with the full quantity of water, and add gradually to the emulsion. Avoid any violent agitation.

Yours truly,

HEDER.

Quinine and Citric Acid.

SIR,—The precipitate formed in "Verdant's" mixture is citrate of quinine, the formation of which cannot be avoided. I should, if possible, consult the prescriber and recommend the exclusion of the citric acid.

CACODYL.

SIR,—With regard to the mixture "Verdant" is in trouble about, he cannot make it free from deposit. The ferri et am. cit. plays no part in the decomposition, but in dissolving the quinine hydroch. in the acid cit. the citrate of quinine formed is sure to come out of solution in so small a quantity of water, seeing that the solubility of citrate of quinine is only about 1 part in 900 parts. Yours very truly,

CASCARA. (81/74.)

An Ointment Query.

SIR,—I received the following to dispense last week, and should like to know the best way to dispense it:—

Potassii bromidi .. 3iiss. . . Zinei oxydi 3iss. Ext. eannab. ind. 3ss. Glyceriti amyli .. 3viiss.

ENQUIRER. (80/26.)

Calomel and Ammonium Bromide in Powders.

SIR,—The following prescription was handed in to be dispensed:—

Hydrarg, subchlor. gr. ij.
P. scammon, co. . . . , v.
Ammon, bromid. . . , x.
Ft. pulv. Mitte vj.

Sig.—One in water at bedtime.

The combination is a strange one, and the fact of never having met with it before caused me to hesitate before

dispensing it.

The action of the alkaline iodides when added in excess to mercurous salts is the oxidation of half the mercury into a mercuric salt, and a liberation of the remainder as metal, according to the following equation (probably):—

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2HgCl + 4KI = Hg + HgI<sub>2</sub>, 2KI + 2KCl.
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On the addition of water to the calomel and bromide of the above prescription a blackish precipitate results, which on filtration and drying shows globules of mercury on pressure with a glass rod, while the clear liquor gives the reactions for mercuric salt. This shows the combination to be a most dangerous one, and should never be dispensed unless the dispenser is sure the doctor knows what he is about, as apparently bromides act on calomel like iodides.

WILKAN.

Chloral and Camphor Pills.

SIR,—Can any of your readers suggest a method for making up

Chloral, hydrat. gr. xxx. Camphor. gr. iij. In pil. 8.

I believe soluble cream of tartar has been recommended. Is it of any service?

S. RHYS HARRY.

Ferri Carb.

80/36. Cocaine Hydrochlor. (Belfast) writes:—"We have had an electuary to dispense containing ferricarb. Three of us said ferriperox. hyd. ought to be used, while the fourth thought that ferri carb. saech. was right. He based his authority on pil. ferri carb. B.P., which is made with ferri carb. saech. Which is right, or which is used by the trade generally?"

[The old sesquioxide of iron of the London and Edinburgh Pharmacopæias was the "ferri carbonas" of the Dublin Pharmacopæia, that name distinguishing it from the ferri oxidum rubrum Ph.Dub, or colcothar, which was prepared by roasting ferrous sulphate. Our experience is that the old sesquioxide is generally dispensed when ferri carb. is ordered. It is different in composition from the dried peroxide of the British Pharmacopæia. Those who are not aware of that fact give the peroxide for the sesquioxide. Considering that the prescription is an Irish one, we should think it unlikely that the prescriber meant ferri carb. sacch.]

Ferric Chloride and Potassium Iodide.

SIR,—I had the following prescription handed in the other evening, and not being able to consult the prescriber I dispensed the tr. ferri perchlor, separately. Afterwards I saw the prescriber and explained what I had done, when he told me I had no business to interfere in any way with his prescription. Was I justified in what I did; if not, what ought I to have done?

 Liq. Fowleri
 3j.

 Tr. ferri perchlor.
 3iij.

 Pot. iodidi
 3iss.

 Inf. quassiæ ad
 3vj.

Yours,

Bon Accord. (244/40.)

[It was recently pointed out in a similar case that the potassium iodide reduces the ferric chloride, there being liberation of iron. We presume that it was for this reason that "Bonaccord" adopted the plan of giving the tincture of perchloride of iron separately. This procedure is, strictly

speaking, contrary to the unwritten law which should be observed in the dispensing of physicians' prescriptions. As the medicine is simply a tonic for which the patient might wait a day, or even more, it would have been better to have made some plausible excuse for delay and meanwhile consulted the prescriber, pointing out the nature of the decomposition which would ensue if the prescription were dispensed as written. If the prescriber insisted upon having it so dispensed, it would remain for the chemist to decide whether he would take his share of the responsibility.]

LEGAL QUERIES.

24/79. T. B. W.—You could in all probability stop the registration of the word if you take the necessary legal proceedings. But as the application has been made, no doubt, in ignorance of your right to the term, you had better, we should say, first write to the applicants and see whether any modus vivendican be arrived at.

33/79. Balsam.—You are liable to a heavy penalty, on prosecution by the Board of Inland Revenue, if you use methylated spirit at all in the manufacture of any preparation capable of being used internally as a medicine. Tinct. benzoin co. is such a preparation.

8/78. Homovo asks whether aconite, arsenic, antim. tart., belladonna, cantharides, nux vomica, opium, &c., can be sold without being labelled poison when they are of attenuation 1. $(\frac{1}{100})$, or do they, in this diluted form, come under the dispensing regulations required by the Pharmacy Act?

We should say that a weak solution of emetic tartar (1-100) would not be liable; nor is a preparation of cantharides that has not vesicating properties. The other preparations would be liable if the Act were strictly interpreted. It is not usual, however, to put a poison label on the higher dilutions of these preparations, nor would a prosecution be practicable in most cases, because it would be impossible, generally, to prove the presence of the poison.

79/65. Scrutator.—It would be possible to make such arrangements in a will as you suggest, but it would not be desirable to make them in just the way you indicate. That matter, however, we must leave to your solicitor, as we cannot advise on will-making generally, and it would not be wise to plan such a complicated scheme without the aid of a solicitor. But as far as the Pharmacy Act requirements are concerned, you should understand that it is the executors, not the widow as such, who are entitled to carry on the business of a deceased chemist and druggist with the aid of a qualified assistant.

8/80. H. R.—Although Friar's balsam is named in the schedule to the Medicine Stamp Act as liable to medicine stamp duty, the Board of Inland Revenue do not claim this duty on the Pharmacopæia preparation, tinct. benzoini co., which is generally sold under that name. But even this article would require a stamp if labelled with a recommendation as to its effects in healing or curing any disease. You will find this and all cognate subjects explained in Mr. Alpe's "Handbook to the Medicine Stamp Acts," which we shall publish shortly.

Shop v. Pharmacy.—Heder writes:—"Referring to your reply to 'Minor' (77/32), I may remark that the custom of calling our shops 'pharmacies' must surely be as unlawful as the assumption of the title of 'pharmacists' by ordinary chemists. It is unfortunate that we cannot have a name for our places of business 'all to ourselves.' Just think, sir, of the gratification of the lady members of our household if we could for ever drop the name of shop. It would be one of the major blessings of the Pharmaceutical Society."

[We do not think it at all follows that because the use of the term "pharmacist" is expressly prohibited to all except pharmaceutical chemists, the use of the term "pharmacy" is similarly protected. It must be remembered that

the Pharmacy Acts, being measures in restraint of trade, are construed strictly, and no Court would be justified in extending the operation of the Acts in the manner suggested. The only ground on which pharmaceutical chemists could claim the exclusive right to the use of the term "pharmacy" as applied to shops, would be that its exhibition implied that the owner is a member of the Society (under section 12 of the Act of 1852). This would be, we think, too farfetched to satisfy any Court.]

Lac Sulphuris.—Heder writes:—"Kindly give us your opinion on this point. Are we expected to sell the old lac sulph, if asked for milk of sulphur? Is it illegal to supply the sulph, precip.? If so I am a great sinner, for I have never had the former on my premises. From the first I have found no difficulty in getting a good price for the pure article."

[If "milk of sulphur" is asked for we should say the old compound of sulphur and lime sulphate ought in strictness to be given. It has been several times decided that in such cases "precipitated sulphur" need not be sold, but a Court has never been asked to say what should be sold If "Heder" should be prosecuted his defence would be, no doubt, that he had gone to an extra expense to provide a purer article, and that defence would probably be successful.]

49/80. Pelican suggests the advisability of chemists looking over their diarrhea-mixture labels, as, through an oversight, he has had to pay a fine for using the following words on a label:—" Diarrhea or Bowel-complaint Mixture; an excellent preventitive and remedy."

MISCELLANEOUS INQUIRIES.

A large number of correspondents ask us for formulæ which have already been published in this journal. It is not fair to more careful readers that we should frequently repeat such information, and so long as the back numbers containing the formulæ or replies required are in print we must decline to do so. Back numbers of our weekly issue can be obtained from the publisher at 4d. each.

75/18. G. F. S.—You should get one of Stone's balances, which are very satisfactory. You can get a balance with or without a glass case. See advertisement in DIARY, page 30. Thanks for your suggestion.

75/36. Pelican.—The following is a formula which gives the best Marking-ink that we know of, but it does not "turn black as soon as written, without the aid of heat." We should be suspicious of any ink of that character.

 Nitrate of silver
 3¼ oz.

 Sodium biearbonate
 4½ n

 Solution of ammonia (s.g. 880)
 3½ n

 Tartaric aeid
 10½ drachms

 Archil
 1 oz.

 Soluble sap green
 1 n

 Powdered aeaeia
 2½ n

 Sugar
 1½ n

 Water
 q.5

Dissolve the silver and soda salts, each separately, in 2 pints of boiling water, and mix the solutions. Allow the precipitate to settle, decant the fluid, and collect the precipitate on a paper filter, wash it with a pint of water, and, when drained, transfer it to a mortar; add the acid, and mix. When efferveseence has eeased add the ammonia solution, and transfer the whole to a bottle containing the sugar. Now dissolve the sap green in 4 oz. of water and the archil by the aid of heat; add the acacia to the mixture, stir until dissolved, and strain. Add the ammoniacal solution to this, and make up to 20 oz. with water.

242/28. S. J. N.—The publishers are Macmillan & Co.

75/37. T. J. R.—The formula for Damiana Extract for impotency will be found in our issue of September 24, 1887, page 389.

75/65, A. Oglesby; and 81/56, Albus.—If you refer to the index you will see that information regarding German Yeast has been published lately. To convert brewers' yeast into an article-fit for retailing, take about 7 lbs. of it, place in a 30 or 40 gallon tub, and fill up the tub with cold springwater, stir well, and repeat the stirring occasionally during a day, then allow to stand all night and decant the water; repeat this washing process twice, the third quantity of water having a little carbonate of ammonia and bicarbonate of soda (5j. of each) added to it. Wash again, then collect the yeast on a canvas cloth, and by means of a screw-press get rid of the superfluons moisture. The product is about a fourth of the quantity of "barm" taken.

75/72. Nemo (Wakefield).—We do not have a formula for hop-ale essence.

76/22. Attraction.—(1) Ink for Marking Sacks.—Shellac, 2 oz.; borax, 2 oz.; water, 25 oz.; gum arabic, 2 oz.; ultramarine, q.s. Boil the borax and shellac with 10 oz. of water until dissolved, then add the gum arabic dissolved in the rest of the water, and colour with the ultramarine. For a black ink use in place of 15 oz. of the water the same quantity of a strong black ink. (2) We fail to grasp your idea about thickening writing ink. Do you want it not to write? (3) Draper's Dichroic Ink is a very satisfactory one. Of the blue-black class, Stephens' appears to be the most popular and the most "cut."

Attraction has found the following very serviceable for Quinsy:—

76/27. W. F. W.—We have not seen any published formula for Tinctura Cascaræ Sagradæ, but you might try the following:—

					Oz.
Cascara sagrad a	•,•				4
Ginger	• •		••	••	1
Cinnamon				••	1
Liquoriee root			• •	• •	1
Water					4
Rectified spirit		• •		• •	16

Reduce the drugs to coarse powder and make a pint of tincture by percolation.

81/7. Phenol writes that he will be much obliged for information respecting the sample of vegetable gum which was sent twice for analysis.

["Phenol" has not thought proper to comply with our rules in giving us his name and address. This is the reason his samples have been disregarded. But he should also understand that we cannot undertake to analyse every article sent to us; we can only make analyses when we think the information thus gained will be of some general interest.

77/10. Ung. Sulph.—The Powder for Colouring Canaries is a mixture of powdered turmeric, 7 parts, with finely-powdered capsicum, 1 part.

39/244. S. G.—Some branch businesses are more successful and profitable than the head establishments; others are a source of continual worry to the owners, and yield little return.

76/33. Durham.—(1) Laundry Blue. — Chinese blue, 3 oz.; oxalic acid, $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Powder and make into a cream with 10 oz. of boiling water, then add sufficient cold water to make a gallon of blue. (2) The "wax" is stearine. This correspondent wishes hints as to the best way of making Furniture Cream in quantity where constant shaking is necessary.

77/54. Vinea.—Our last Educational number was September 17, 1887, but it is out of print.

2. 77/43. Small-pox. — When Small-pox was epidemic in Sheffield last year there was great demand for a powder composed of cream of tartar, I oz., and powdered rhubart, 14 grains. This was said to be an effective preventive, but of this there is no proof. Minute doses of tincture of belladonna (2 or 3 minims) are also said to be useful. You should give your customer the Sheffield powder, directing as much as will lie on a shilling to be taken twice a day; it can do no harm, and may do good by relieving the bowels and allaying feverish tendency. A camphor-locket should also be worn.

78/20. W. Lyle.—The rule for calculating the volumes of two liquids of different specific gravity required to produce a mixture of a certain specific gravity is as follows:—The difference between the specific gravity of the heaviest liquid and the required specific gravity gives the volume of the lighter liquid to be taken, and the difference between the specific gravity of the lighter liquid and the required specific gravity gives the volume of the heavier liquid to be taken. Thus, five volumes of a liquid, specific gravity 0.800, are required to mix with two volumes of one, specific gravity 1.500, to produce a mixture, specific gravity 1.000. (2) We have seen granular effervescent ferri ammon. cit. both grey and brown.

242/28. S. J. North.—A weak solution of chlorinated lime is used for removing damp stains from paper.

79/9. Lip-salve.—There is no chemical preparation for the removal of tattoo-marks; only the surgeon's knife will do it.

79/39. L. Morgan.—For the Removal of Freckles the following lotion is satisfactory:—

Mix.

To be sponged on the parts at bedtime.

For obstinate spots use also an ointment composed of white precipitate and bismuth subnitrate, of each 60 grains, with toilet lanoline $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

79/43. N. O. P.—The unsatisfactory nature of Russel's prescription for the cure of obesity has been repeatedly referred to in this journal, and you will find references to it in the index. The originator of the prescription does not intend it to be compounded by chemists, as the serious and paying part of the cure to him is in supplying the medicine. What the medicine actually supplied is we do not know.

79/44. D. L. Evans.—The Onion, according to Fourcroy and Vauquelin, contains an acrid volatile oil, uncrystallisable sugar, gum, albumen, woody fibre, acetic and phosphoric acids, phosphate and citrate of lime, and water. The volatile oil is a sulphuretted body. The acidity of the tomato is due to citric acid, and the most complete analysis of it is by Foderé and Hecht (Journ. de Pharm., xviii, 105).

79/69. August.—See letter by a "Military Compounder of Medicines" in this issue.

80/33. Viridis.—The "terms of apprenticeship to the drug trade in England" depend entirely upon the character of the business. Four years is the more usual length of service now, though five years is not unusual, and, if taken indoors, board and lodging being provided, a premium varying from 20% to 200% is usually paid with the apprentice.

74/69. Leo.—The "hartshorn shavings" which you send more resemble Burnt Hartshorn—carbonate of lime being the principal constituent, phosphate and silica being the others. What your customer has got for cleaning silver was doubtless a mixture of prepared chalk and carbonate of ammonia. This mixture is excellent for cleaning plate.

72/74. Hederal.—The powder which you send us—one which is used by brewers for Clarifying and Preserving Beer—is composed of prepared chalk (about 15 parts) and calcium sulphite (about 1 part). If you cannot get the latter salt, use 6 drachms of sodium sulphite to 1 lb. of prepared chalk. A tablespoonful of this mixture will be sufficient for a barrel of beer.

75/5. Vet. sends a sample of Black Oils used in his locality for scour in calves. A similar preparation may be made from the following formula:—

 Linsced oil
 20 oz.

 Oil of turpentine
 1 , .

 Sulphuric acid
 1½ ,.

Mix the oils in a 7-lb, earthenware jar, add the acid gradually, stirring all the while. Allow to stand for six hours, then add half a pint of water, mix, allow to settle, and decant the oil.

75/48. E. T. A. sends a sample of Hair Stainer said by the manufacturer to be the best on the market, and found by our correspondent "to produce an excellent brown, and a much more natural colour than anything else." The preparation is made by a Bradford firm, and is put up in 6-drachm flat, blue-glass bottles, which, with a small toothbrush for its application, is sold at 1s. 6d. Our analysis of this dye shows that its composition is approximately represented by the following formula:—

Dissolve the salts in 2 drachms of the rose-water, and add the solution of ammonia until a clear blue solution is formed; then add rose-water to 6 fluid drachms.

Directions.—For light shades of brown the solution should be applied once a week, and for darker shades twice a week. It is preferable, however, to dilute the dye with its own volume of water for the pale shades.

(2) It is sulphite of soda which is used in other silver dyes.

75/63. Stiff Neck.—Starch Gloss.—The preparation which you send contains spermaceti, gum arabic, borax, and a little starch. Try the following formula:—

These ingredients (all in fine powder) to be thoroughly mixed.

79/62. X. O. R.—Crystallised Cream of Honey.—

Nut oil 16 oz. Spermaeeti 2 ,, .. 1 drachm Gamboge ... ٠. Oil of verbena 10 drops .. " cassia 20 ,,, bergamot 30 ,, .. Otto of rose .. 3 ,,

Digest the spermaceti, oil, and gamboge together over a water-bath for twenty minutes, add the performs, and strain into bottles.

The bottles should be perfectly dry, and placed up to their necks in a pan of hot water immediately before filling, and allowed to remain in the water after they are filled until the pomade has "set." In this manner a beautifully crystalline preparation is obtained. A sufficiency of Danish butter-colouring may be used in place of the gamboge. It gives less trouble.

The Enquirer who required addresses of makers of stoneware bottles is asked to send his address,

79/59. Arbeitsam.—Pavement Concrete is a mixture of roughly-ground stone or granite with Portland cement. The cement is a calcined mixture of limestone and argillaceous earth, but the vat waste of alkali manufactures is now being utilised for the manufacture of the cement.

80/11. Ignoramus.—You cannot use animal charcoal for removing the excess of burnt sugar from the lime-juice cordial, as the acid contained in the juice will be partially neutralised by the calcium carbonate contained in the charcoal. Your best plan would be to make a fresh quantity of the cordial without colouring and mix it with the other lot.

80.67. Medicus.—See the letter by Mr. Heron and the note attached to it in this issue. There will be an examination at the Durham University on September 25 in the optional subjects. You may then enter for the examination in additional mathematics and elementary mechanics, and a certificate of having passed these subjects, together with the Preliminary and Minor certificates, will entitle you to registration as a medical student. Dr. Luke Armstrong, 1 Eldon Square, Newcastle-on-Tyne, will give you all information regarding the Durham examinations, and you will find previous examination papers in the calendar of the university. Some degree-granting bodies require one or two subjects in addition to what are covered by the Medical Council's requirements. Particulars regarding that and the other information which you desire will be given in our next Educational number.

81/46. Perseverance.—The foregoing reply will show you what has to be done. The Royal College of Surgeons does not have a Preliminary examination.

81/63. The name given does not appear on the register of chemists and druggists.

72/28. Nemo (London).—In fitting up Electric Bells three wires are necessary. One of these you carry from the battery to the electro-magnet which works the hammer of the bell, a second wire is carried from the electro-magnet to the "push," and a third wire from the "push" to the battery. When the "push" is pressed the tin which is attached to it, and which carries either the second or third wire, touches its neighbour and makes the connection.

76/29. J. G.—Consult a pronouncing dictionary.

79/22. Tragacanth.—In the formula for Essence of Lemon, page 497, 1 oz. of oil of lemon is intended.

81,66. Meeching.—Glycerine of belladonna is a solution of 1 drachm of extract of belladonna, thinned with 1 drachm of water, in 1 fluid oz. of glycerine.

Information Wanted.

[Replies to the following requests are solioited by correspondents of The Chemist and Druggist.]

43/57. Formula for chlorodyne lozenges.

78/47. Composition of "Black Gip," used for dyeing white patches of hair on horses.

80/53 asks for address of firm in Sweden who make cheap matches.

71,39. Formula for Felon Drink for cows.

76/58. Varnish suitable for indiarubbber enemas.

81/49. Aquarium asks, "What small plants and fish, if any, can be kept in an aquarium with leeches?"

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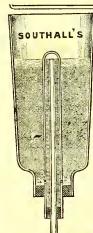
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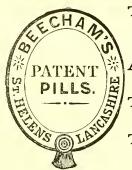




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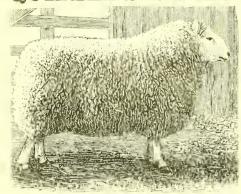
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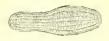
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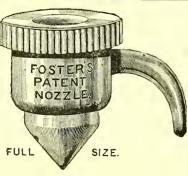
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VICE-CHANCELLOR SIR W. PAGE WOOD, by whom the suit in Chancery was first heard, stated in his judgment that 'Dr. J. Collis Browne was undoubtedly the Inventor of Chlorodyne, that the whole story of the Defendant Freeman was as deliberately untrue as the falsehood he had deposed to with reference to the use of his Chlorodyne in the Hospital.'

The VICE-CHANCELLOR also stated, 'that Chlorodyne was a fanciful name, and had application been made sooner, the

Court would have given Dr. Browne protection.

LORD CHANCELLOR SELBORNE coincided with the judgment of the Vice-Chancellor upon this point, and stated 'that had application been made at a proper time and r aco, the Court would have found means to restrain the Defendant from misrepresenting the decision of the Vice-Chancellor.'

LORD JUSTICE JAMES, on appeal, stated in his judgment, 'that the Defendant Freeman had made a deliberate misrepre-

contation of the decision of Vice-Chancellor Wood.

It was proved in Court, on affidavit by Mrs. Forbes, of Paris, that the testimonial published in the Times, November 14th, 1865, speaking of the great efficacy of Chlorodyne in Cholera, referred to Dr. J. Collis Browne's Chlorodyne, and that she never used any other, that she had written to the Defendant Freeman to that effect; notwithstanding which notice the Defendant publishes the said testimonial as referring to his medicine.

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by the Defendant as testimony to his medicine.

Numerous affidavits from eminent Physicians and others were produced in Court, stating that Dr. J. Collis Browns was the inventor of Chlorodyne, and that when prescribing they mean no other.

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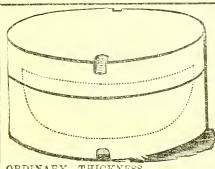
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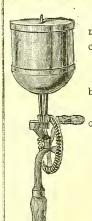
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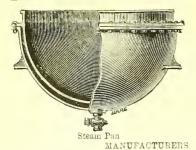
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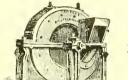
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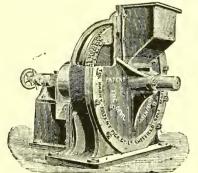
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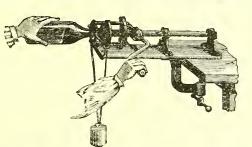
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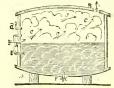
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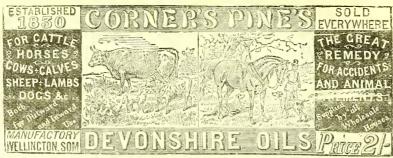
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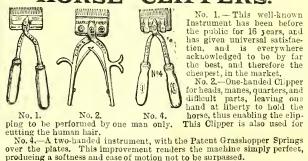
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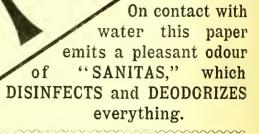
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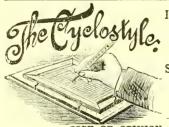
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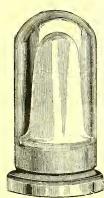
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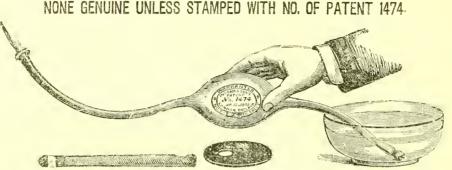
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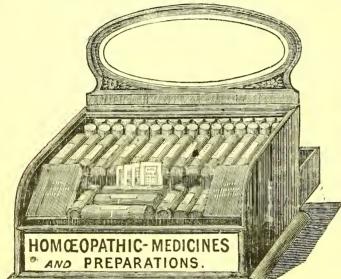
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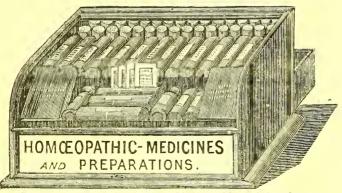
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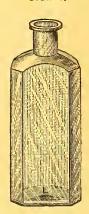




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